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CRUEL BRITANNIA

JOY: Jay Rodriguez celebrates netting Saints' second goal with Rickie Lambert.

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ON THE ATTACK: Jay Rodriguez.

STOKE 3 SAINTS 3: ADKINS' MEN

SAINTS LEFT TO MISS IN AWAY

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There was not much to choose between the teams in the opening stages.

Stoke were, as expected, big, strong and mainly playing pretty direct.

It was obvious from early on that Jos Hooiveld was going to have a tough return to the team with Kenwyne Jones aggressive and powerful against him.

But Saints gave themselves the best possible chance of getting something from the game by taking the lead on ten minutes.

Stoke stood off of Guly Do Prado on the left wing and allowed him the time and space to cut back onto his right foot and measure a curling cross to the far post.

Rickie Lambert had drifted off his man and snuck in round the back of everybody to sidefoot across goal and into the net from close range for 1-0.

Stoke could have equalised just two minutes later as Steven Nzonzi's deflected shot fell to Jones six yards out but he surprisingly lifted his half volley over the bar.

However, the lead didn't last that much longer as Stoke levelled things up on 16 minutes.

Ryan Shotton took a short throw on the right and received the ball back.

He skipped easily past Luke Shaw and crossed low to the near post where Jones got in front of Hooiveld and produced a remarkable finish, flicking the ball from virtually behind him so that it went into the far corner.

Amazingly though Saints went back into the lead on 24 minutes in bizarre fashion.

Lambert whipped in a cross from the right that Asmir Begovic looked set to deal with but before the ball reached him Robert Huth stretched out a leg which sent the ball crashing onto his own crossbar.

It bounced out straight to Rodriguez who had the simple task of turning into the empty net from a couple of yards out.

It nearly got even better as Jason Puncheon turned inside and out before unleashing a right-footed shot that Begovic had to beat behind.

Saints were really pushing Stoke onto the back foot and some of what had been quite targeted direct play from the Potters was starting to look a little aimless.

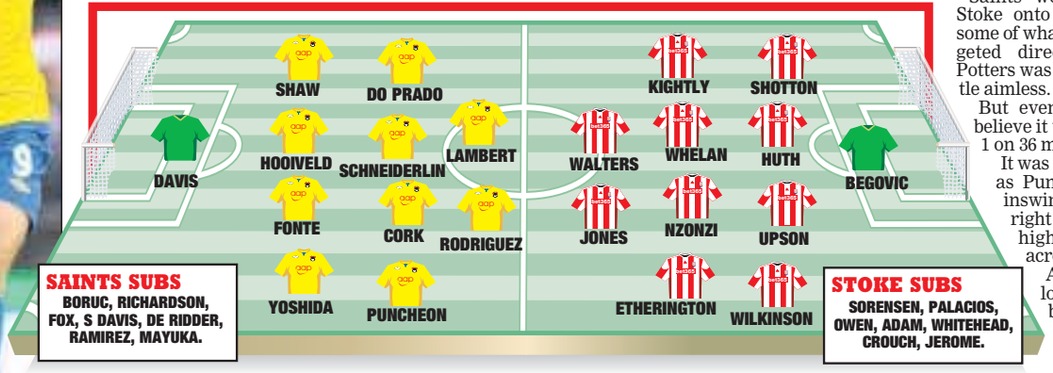
But even they Saints quite believe it when they made it 3-1 on 36 minutes.

It was another strange goal as Puncheon delivered an inswinging cross from the right that Lambert rose highest to head back across goal.

Again Begovic looked set to collect but this time it was Andy Wilkinson who stuck out a leg first and diverted it into his own net.

Jack Cork fired in another long range effort for a rampant Saints but it was straight at Begovic.

When the half-time whistle went it was Saints who were in complete control of the game and had a brilliant three points



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STOKE SUBS
SORENSEN, PALACIOS, OWEN, ADAM, WHITEHEAD, CROUCH, JEROME.

TEAM NEWS

NIGEL Adkins made three changes to the side that drew with Fulham for the trip to Stoke.

The thinking was pretty clear from the Saints boss – to pack his side full of height to try and combat the massive physical presence of the Potters.

Nathaniel Clyne dropped to the bench with Maya Yoshida moving to right back and Jos Hooiveld coming into the centre of defence.

Also sacrificed were Gaston Ramirez and Steven Davis with Guly Do Prado and Jay Rodriguez coming into the side.

STOKE v SAINTS REACTION AND ANALYSIS IN MONDAY'S *ECHO*

Saints Spotlight

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RUE GULY THRILLER

GOAL LIFT: Rickie Lambert celebrates his goal with Jason Puncheon.

ABOVE: Jay Rodriguez puts Saints 2-1 up.

LEFT: Stoke's Steven N'Zonzi is sent off.

at their mercy.

Jose Fonte quickly found himself becoming the first player in the book not long after the restart after bringing down Jonathan Walters.

Saints seemed to be in quite a comfortable position in the game but knew that if they gave Stoke a sniff then they would come under intense pressure.

Michael Kightly tried to conjure something but his low drive from 25 yards was fairly simple for Kelvin Davis to gather.

There was a break in play as Huth and Wilkinson both received attention after clashing heads with both men bleeding as a result.

Stoke made a change to try and get back into the game with Cameron Jerome replacing Matthew Etherington on 57 minutes.

The game might have been all over when Rodriguez rounded Begovic seven minutes later but Huth was able to make the challenge that prevented Saints increasing their lead still further.

Saints missed a glorious chance to put the game out of sight on 66 minutes.

Lambert slipped the ball through to Rodriguez who was one-on-one with Begovic.

The keeper blocked with his legs and it ricocheted to Do Prado who missed the target and an empty net from ten yards out

As is so often the way in football it proved costly as within a minute Stoke had pulled one back.

Stoke drilled in a corner that was flicked on to Lambert. They appealed for a penalty for handball that wasn't given before firing in a shot that was blocked by Fonte.

However, the ball fell kindly to Matthew Upson who slid in to turn home from six yards out under the body of Davis.

Stoke were then denied what appeared a clear penalty as Fonte appeared to prevent Jones from getting in a header in the area by blocking the ball with his arm.

Stoke made a second change with Dean Whitehead coming on for Wilkinson.

There was a major boost for Saints on 72 minutes as Stoke were reduced to ten men.

Cork stretched for the ball and Nzonzi, who felt he had been fouled by Cork moments before, stamped down in his direction but didn't appear to make much contact.

Mark Clattenberg had no hesitation in showing a straight red.

Stoke made a final change on 75 minutes with Peter Crouch replacing Kightly.

Rodriguez picked up a booking for kicking the ball away before Saints made their first switch with eight minutes remaining as Danny Fox came on for Shaw.

That was followed by Frazer Richardson coming on for Puncheon.

Stoke had another appeal for a penalty for handball turned down, this time the ball hitting Maya Yoshida but this time it was probably the right decision.

Jerome had the ball in the net moments later but it was correctly ruled out for offside.

However, there was no stopping him on 90 minutes as he broke Saints hearts with a screamer.

As Crouch laid the ball back Jerome hit it with the outside of his right foot from 25 yards and it bent and dipped viciously to flash past Davis diving to his left and into the net via the underside of the bar.

When the fourth official held up the board it showed seven minutes of stoppage time.

Davis made a late save from Crouch to stop it getting even worse but at the final whistle Saints were left to reflect on what might have been.

ABOVE: Luke Shaw shields the ball under pressure from Stoke's Jonathan Walters.

Nigel's glass is half full ...

NIGEL Adkins hailed Saints' draw at Stoke as "a fantastic point."

The boss was delighted with a 3-3 draw at the Britannia Stadium despite seeing his side lose a 3-1 lead against ten men.

He said: "It's a fantastic point away from home.

"You look at Stoke and the Britannia Stadium and they had only conceded three goals at home this season and we've scored three and could have scored more.

"It's always a difficult place to come to, our supporters were great and first half it was only us you could hear because our game management was spot on.

"We came away from home and changed a few of the players around because we knew we'd have to deal with an aerial bombardment that would probably come and the players have been top drawer. We scored some really good goals."

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Saints Spotlight

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Robin van Persie is lucky to be alive. It was a disgraceful act from their player. He should be banned by the FA. Robin could have had a broken neck" – **Sir Alex Ferguson is typically understated in his condemnation of Swansea's Ashley Williams, whose clearance hit Robin van Persie's head from close range.**

"As far as I'm concerned it's no big deal. If I had tried to hit him on the head deliberately, I would have missed! It's not like I'm going to shoot and hit him square in the head like that" – **Williams has a different take on the incident.**

"I am a millionaire. What you on about?" – **Darts legend Phil Taylor, after it was suggested he could be a millionaire if he could bottle whatever it was that made him play well.**

"The referee ate too much for Christmas. He was not in good form. He and the linesman, I think, after Christmas... it can happen to have a bad performance like today" – **Manchester City boss Roberto Mancini was far from impressed with referee Kevin Friend and his assistant during the Boxing Day defeat at Sunderland.**

"The Mayans were wrong – the end of the world came at Bradford!" – **Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger, whose team were dumped out of the League Cup at Valley Parade.**

ALL SMILES: Jay Rodriguez celebrates with teammates after putting Saints 2-1 up.

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Saints Spotlight

GENEROUS TO A POINT

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STOKE City certainly do not have a reputation as one of the Premier League's most generous hosts. Today, however, was different.

Tony Pulis' side were, in the spirit of the festive season, willing to offer Saints a couple of valuable gifts on their visit to the Britannia Stadium.

The giving began before kick-off, as Stoke presented a hand-painted ceramic tile to a representative of the travelling supporters, commemorating their trip during the club's 150th year.

It was a nice touch, but it was the goals that followed which the Saints fans most gratefully received.

Twice in the first half the visitors were the beneficiaries of some uncharacteristically slack Stoke defending.

Pulis' team had only conceded four times at home all season ahead of this game, but had nearly doubled that tally by half-time.

SUBLIME

After Rickie Lambert's early opener was cancelled out by Kenwyne Jones' sublime Kanuesque flick, Stoke set about dishing out some belated presents to Saints.

Robert Huth turned a cross against his own bar, with the ball bouncing into the path of a grateful Jay Rodriguez to restore the visitors' lead. Then Andy Wilkinson flicked the ball into his own net for 3-1.

While the goals were undeniably poor from a Stoke point of view, Saints deserved their advantage.

They looked more confident, more energetic and more incisive than their opponents.

It was certainly a shock to the home fans, who had not seen their side lose at home in the league since February.

"Where's your famous atmosphere?"the Saints fans taunted.

The Britannia Stadium was certainly deflated.

All that changed midway through the second half when the game exploded.

OPENER: Rickie Lambert wheels away after putting Saints ahead.

Guly do Prado missed an open goal that would have finished the contest, before Stoke went straight down the other end and halved the deficit through Matthew Upson.

Under immense pressure, Saints' cause was then helped by what appeared to be two very generous decisions from referee Mark Clattenburg.

First, Jose Fonte stuck up an arm to challenge Kenwyne Jones as a cross was delivered into the visitors' area, only to handle the ball.

It was a very similar moment to the one that led to Saints receiving a penalty against Fulham on Boxing Day.

Clattenburg and his assistants, however, saw nothing wrong with it – or simply saw nothing – and allowed play to continue.

FURIOUS

The Britannia was furious.

Moments later, the home fans were incandescent.

With Stoke ramping up the pressure, Steven Nzonzi was dismissed for a late challenge on Jack Cork in midfield.

While not a great challenge, it did not look overly malicious.

Clattenburg was drawing the constant ire of the home support, but, credit to the official, stayed strong in the face of it.

Half the Britannia thought Cameron Jerome had equalised late on, only for an offside flag to deny him.

But the stadium erupted moments later, as the striker scored an absolute wonder goal to equalise and remind Saints that the home side's generosity had its limits.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"I wouldn't want to be called some of the things that people call him" – **Manchester City goalkeeper Joe Hart on Roy Keane, who described him as "cocky".**

"I still sleep soundly every night. I'm not worried about everything people say. I don't care what people outside Liverpool think" – **Liverpool striker Luis Suarez on his public image.**

"It was a world-class finish from a world-class finisher" – **Jos Buttler on his captain Eoin Morgan, who hit the last ball of the second Twenty20 international against India for six to win the game.**

"I am always happy when I am playing, so this time of the season makes me happiest of all!" – **Manchester City defender Matija Nastasic, 19, loves the Christmas period.**

"Everyone is wanting to spend quality time with their loved ones and to leave young families early in the evening is not enjoyable. We spoke about it collectively and we will come in in the morning for a good hour then they can get away sharp to spend quality time with their families because for me, that is what Christmas is all about" – **St Mirren manager Danny Lennon gets into the festive spirit. The Buddies made the long Boxing Day trip to Inverness on the morning of the game.**

"I'm not sure who, where or when, but someone's going to take an absolute tonking off us" – **Blackpool boss Michael Appleton backs his side to eventually get the rewards for their impressive performances, the latest in a 1-1 draw at Huddersfield.**

"He has got happy feet" – **Everton boss David Moyes on Leon Osman after the midfielder opened the scoring in a 2-1 win over Wigan.**

"Keep Calm and Pass Me the Ball" – **A handwritten message scrawled on the shirt of Dimitar Berbatov as he scored in Fulham's 1-1 draw with Saints.**

"We cannot speak highly enough of Sean" – **Nottingham Forest chairman Fawaz Al Hasawi of manager Sean O'Driscoll after a 4-2 win over Leeds.** Then, staggeringly: "He can count himself unlucky to have lost his job with the team just one point away from the top six."

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Premiership Spotlight

BOOK of the WEEK

BENT ARMS AND DODGY WICKETS
By Tim Quelch

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THE parameters within which British social history was once bound were determined mostly by Acts of Parliament designed to counter matters such as industrial strife, or an unacceptable level of housing or education provision.

Sport only muscled in on the scene during the Victorian era, particularly after the codification of games such as cricket and football. However, it could be argued that sport's role as an integral part of our social history has gradually increased as more people play, watch, read and write about it. Recall how sport briefly unified the nation during the summer's Olympics and it's easy to appreciate how powerful a force it can be.

In the days before football's dominance became absolute, cricket vied for public attention on an equal footing. Mindful of this, *Bent Arms and Dodgy Wickets* offers a fascinating mix of prescient comment and contemporary observations from English cricket's 'Golden Age' in the 1950s when, for a while, England were considered the world's best team.

The story has been told before from a pure cricketing perspective, but Quelch's unique format, drawing upon the written memoirs and eye witness accounts of players such as Sir Len Hutton, Brian Statham and Sir Everton Weekes, make Bent Arms read like an alternative social history of mid-fifties Britain. It is, writes Quelch, "a story of English cricket's rise and fall set against a backdrop of imperial decline", so extending the social history parameters to great and enjoyable effect.

Our story begins with Britain's economy ravaged not by the combined incompetence of bankers and the profligacy of domestic politicians past, but by the debilitating affects of war. Quelch sets an atmospheric scene, adding a sprinkling of evocative snippets regarding the shortage of coal or the freezing winter of 1947 to provide a context into which "the country returned to its sporting life".

Post-war Britain was in the throes of enormous social change, not all for the better. Quelch recalls how Len Hutton, a working class Yorkshireman, became England captain, illustrating the awkwardness he encountered with some members of the MCC. He also prepares readers for England's West Indian tour not by reminding us of injuries or absentees, but by highlighting the diminishing impact of Empire to Britain's economy.

This is a unique sports book in many respects and mention should also be made of the author's motive for writing it: to raise funds for Parkinson's UK. That commitment makes it doubly worthy.

QUIZ QUESTION:
We've teamed up with Sports Book of the Month & have a copy of *Bent Arms and Dodgy Wickets* to give away.

To win this week's sports book, go to their website (*sportsbookofthemonth.com*) and answer the following question:

Which British Prime Minister said, in 1957, "most of our people have never had it so good"?

TOOLSTATION
A LOT MORE THAN TOOLS

Harry doesn't have a great deal to offer

POSSIBLE REUNION: Harry Redknapp, right, and Robbie Keane left.

HARRY Redknapp admits all he can offer QPR's transfer targets is the potential satisfaction of rescuing the club from a seemingly hopeless position.

Rangers were six points adrift of fourth-to-bottom Saints before Saturday's Barclays Premier League matches and were hoping to avoid a third successive defeat when they hosted Liverpool this Sunday.

Former Saints boss Redknapp insists his present club must sign new players in next month's transfer window if they are to survive in the top flight, with Demba Ba, Brede Hangeland and Robbie Keane reported to interest the QPR boss.

But the 65-year-old admits his only sales pitch during negotiations will be to convince prospective new arrivals they could be part of something special.

"I tell players: 'Look, there are mugs around like me. Come and have a challenge, please. Come and do something'. If we keep this team up now we'll have had a fantastic end of the season," he said. "I walked on that pitch at Wigan as Portsmouth manager in 2006 when we had escaped relegation and it was the best day ever.

Sunday, December 30
BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE
QPR v Liverpool (4.00)

"It was fantastic and I want to do the same at QPR. That's my dream – all I think about at night is trying to keep this team up.

"I'd love it so much if we kept QPR up. It has consumed my whole life, it's all I want. It gets me up, it gets me down.

"I've been sitting at home over Christmas being no fun to anybody and I was thinking, 'Should I put myself in this position, should I put my family in this situation again?'

"But you do as you want to have a go and if I could be a part of the team that can pull it off that would be fantastic.

"That is the message I want to send to any player: 'Come and we'll have a great time if we can turn it round – let's see if we can'."

Redknapp has steered Portsmouth and Tottenham away from relegation in the past and knows QPR require a major change in fortunes if they are to be added to his success stories.

"When you're in the bottom four and cut adrift like we were then it's so difficult," he said.

"We need a run of games from where we are now. We need to show top six or seven form to get out of it.

"We are still in there and while there's hope we have to keep going and believing. I still believe we can do it."

QPR's survival bid received a shot in the arm with Adel Taarabt's omission from Morocco's squad for the African Nations Cup.

The 23-year-old, who scored both goals against Fulham two weeks ago in the club's only Premier League victory this season, is now available for matches against West Ham, Norwich, Manchester City and Swansea.

Morocco coach Rachid Taoussi stated that the reason he overlooked Taarabt was because he refused to meet him after travelling to London to see the playmaker.

Everton are at a new level

EVERTON boss David Moyes believes his team can reflect on an outstanding 2012.

The Merseysiders could end the calendar year as high as third in the Barclays Premier League if they beat Chelsea at Goodison Park.

The past 12 months have seen Everton reach a new level of consistency under Moyes, starting with the signings of Nikica Jelavic, Darron Gibson and Steven Pienaar last January which sparked a charge up the table.

After a poor start to the 2011/12 season, the Toffees ended the campaign seventh and they have carried that momentum into the first half of the current term.

Sunday, December 30
BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE
Everton v Chelsea (1.30))

Moyes said: "I think we have had a good year. From this time last year we kicked on and finished the season very strongly and from the start of this one we have been the same.

"I think we would have to say it is maybe as good as we have had. I think our football has improved and we look a threat.

"With Jelavic's arrival, with his goals – he has given us something we have not had for a long time. And I think overall you have seen big improvements.

"The Leighton Baines-Steven Pienaar partnership is back together, the form of people like Leon Osman and Darron Gibson... overall we have been really pleased with 2012."

Having finally shaken off their tag as slow-starters, the challenge now for Everton is to produce another of the strong finishes of recent seasons to push for Champions League qualification.

Moyes said: "That is what we will try to do, but it is going to be tough. Everton, who have lost just two of their first 19 league games, face another form side tomorrow in Chelsea.

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Premiership Spotlight

GARETH BALE was clearly frustrated after being booked for diving during Tottenham's 2-1 win at Sunderland today.

The Wales forward is now getting an unenviable reputation as a diver and he was given a yellow card after going to ground following a tackle by Craig Gardner.

For Bale it overshadowed the victory which saw Tottenham move just three points behind second-placed Manchester City in third in the Barclays Premier League.

He said: "It's the same thing every time – it's the third time this season I've been clipped.

"There is nothing I can do about it – the referees have to look a bit closer.

"If I get contact there it is a penalty or free kick.

"What do you expect me to do if I there is contact and I go over – hit my head on the floor?

"I am not going to stop going because it is a foul.

"People can say what they want, it doesn't bother me."

Tottenham manager Andre Villas-Boas was also annoyed by Bale's yellow card which now rules him out of the next match against Reading on New Year's Day.

He said: "I think it is completely unfair he misses the Reading game for such a big mistake."

Villas-Boas added: "I understand the reputation that is created on the surface. But it's a bit unfair. I don't think it mars the game but Gareth was one away from missing a game. We just have to let it go."

Of the outcome, the Portuguese added: "Very good. I think we made the game a little bit more difficult; in the first half we dominated and had the best chances but then went a goal down from a set play.

"We came very strong mentally in the second half and I think we got what we deserved. An excellent performance."

Sunderland counterpart Martin O'Neill was proud of his side's attitude despite the defeat.

He said: "It was a tough game. We fought so hard to get in front and then gave it away in a two-minute spell just after half-time.

"There's been a big effort over the last few games and it has taken a lot out of the players. It is very seldom in terms of commitment that I would be unhappy with the team.

"I'm not so sure Tottenham created so many chances – I don't remember them causing us so many problems in the first half.

"They are a very fine side. That is why they are challenging for the Champions League."

COMING THROUGH: Sunderland's Sebastian Larsson (left) and Craig Gardner tackle Gareth Bale.

Bale booked for 'dive'

HEAD BOYS: Sunderland's Carlos Cuellar (right) and Tottenham Hotspur's Jermain Defoe in action.

PREMIER LEAGUE

City win thriller at Norwich

TEN-MAN Manchester City came out on top in a seven-goal thriller at Norwich to avoid falling further behind in the battle for the Barclays Premier League title.

City looked to be cruising to a routine win after Edin Dzeko bagged a brace inside the opening four minutes, but Anthony Pilkington pulled one back before Samir Nasri was dismissed following a confrontation with Sebastien Bassong.

The visitors made light of the disadvantage to go 3-1 up thanks to a Sergio Aguero goal, but Norwich fought back as Russell Martin found the net.

But a Mark Bunn own goal, after a Dzeko shot had come back off the post, sealed a 4-3 win, despite Martin's second for the Canaries.

Manchester United retained their seven-point lead thanks to a comfortable 2-0 win over West Brom at Old Trafford.

Gareth McAuley diverted an Ashley Young cross into his own net for the opener, with Robin van Persie sealing the win late on.

Aston Villa's miserable recent run continued as they suffered another thumping defeat as they went down 3-0 at home to Wigan.

Ivan Ramis headed in the opener in the third minute, with Emmerson Boyce and Arouna Kone completing the scoring.

Swansea's impressive campaign continued with a 2-1 win at Fulham.

Danny Graham put the Swans ahead and Jonathan de Guzman doubled their advantage, meaning Bryan Ruiz's goal was not enough for Fulham.

Reading gave their survival hopes a boost as they beat West Ham 1-0 after Pavel Pogrebnyak capitalised on a James Collins error.

It was Pogrebnyak's third league goal for Reading and it gave Brian McDermott's side their second Barclays Premier League win of the season.

The Royals had halted a run of seven defeats with a draw at home to Swansea on Boxing Day and went one better against a poor Hammers side, moving three points clear of bottom club QPR in the process.

OPENER: Manchester City's Edin Dzeko (right) celebrates with his team-mates Sergio Aguero (left) and David Silva (back) after scoring his team's opening goal at Norwich.

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Non-league Action

Sydenhams League Premier Div: Romsey Town 4 Fawley AFC 3

Romsey stick to it

ROMSEY Town won a Christmas cracker against Fawley AFC at the Bypass Ground.

The Sydenhams Wessex Premier's bottom club saw their 2-0 half-time lead cancelled out before second-half goals from Danny Phillips and Pete Walker ensured a memorable victory against their local rivals.

It was just reward for ensuring their game was one of the few local non-league matches to survive the rain.

Romsey's third win of the season is their second in as many home matches following their 4-2 win against Hayling United a fortnight ago.

And it was the perfect response to their 4-1 loss at Totton & Eling on Boxing Day.

But it was against the run of play that Romsey scored the first goals of the afternoon, Matt Austin and Craig Bryant netting twice in three minutes as half-time approached.

Romsey goalkeeper Elliott Broome had kept his side in the game, tipping behind a Lewis Ross strike before denying Ben Murray at the near post and saving an Arran Blaxall header from Steve Hall's corner.

A minute after a Blaxall free-kick struck a post, Romsey took the lead through **MATT AUSTIN**, who met Jack Garner's crossfield ball with a firm header at the back post in the 39th minute.

Romsey soon doubled their lead. Livewire Danny Phillips put Walker through and the winger's shot was tipped behind for a corner.

Walker took it and **CRAIG BRYANT** stabbed in from close range.

Fawley, playing their first game for three weeks, pulled a goal back four minutes into the second half, during which the pitch increasingly resembled a bog.

They went close when Elliott Earl's header hit the top of the crossbar and a minute later **STEVE HALL's** long-range strike flew past Broome and into the roof of the net.

It was all Fawley for the next ten minutes and **PETE KEATING** equalised on the hour, making no mistake from six yards after Broome had parried an effort at his near post.

But Romsey were not done there. Far from it. Within five minutes they had restored their lead following a deserved goal for **DANNY PHILLIPS**.

Matt Headington's corner found its way to the diminutive striker as he lurked unmarked 12 yards out.

Phillips swept the ball first time into the far corner, a clinical left-footed strike in front of a bumper Bypass crowd boosted by the deluge of postponements across the county.

But within two minutes, Fawley had their second equaliser. When striker Leighton Spetchley-Price was adjudged to have been pulled back, **LUKE WALKER** sent Broome the wrong way from the penalty spot.

To their immense credit, Romsey belied their lowly status by responding positively once again. With 20 minutes to go, Bryant went close to netting his second when he hit the outside of a post with a 25-yard free-kick.

And in the 71st minute there were jubilant scenes in the Romsey dug out, when **PETE WALKER** drilled the winner across goal and into the bottom of the far corner from the edge of the penalty area.

Murray missed a one-on-one chance to hit Fawley's third equaliser before Romsey celebrated a second win in three games. It takes them within a point of Lymington Town at the foot of the table.

Romsey Town: Broome, Hardington, Hayter, Bryant, McCarthy, Bagley, Walker, Garner, Phillips, Austin (Roberts), Richards (Reed).
Fawley AFC: Prodoma, Keating (Blackthorpe), Blaxall, Earl, Lucas, Parnell, Ross (Hardiman), Hall, Spetchley-Price, Murray (Vining), Walker.

DANGER MAN: Craig Bryant gets the ball into the box for Romsey. *Pictures: Paul Collins.*

By Simon Walter
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GLORY BOY: Pete Walker celebrates his winner.

Eastleigh effort is in vain

DESPITE Herculean efforts by a group of volunteers who came early on Saturday morning to help get the pitch ready Eastleigh's game against Havant and Waterlooville was called off due to the rain, their fifth successive wet weather postponement. On Saturday they are away to Bromley and the following Tuesday they are at home to Billericay.

Sholing miss out

SHOLING remain rooted to the bottom of the Southern League One (S & W) table after a 1-0 defeat at Didcot Town.

The division's only game to survive the weather saw the bottom two in opposition at Didcot's Npower Loop Meadow Stadium.

Sholing returned without a point after Morgan Williams struck the only goal, a free-kick midway through the second-half, in front of a crowd of 112.

nPOWER LEAGUE 1

Cherries chasing play-offs

PROMOTION-chasing Cherries stormed into the play-off places with a convincing 3-0 victory over League One rivals Crawley Town at Dean Court.

Cherries stretched to 15 matches their unbeaten run since Eddie Howe's appointment.

The third tier's form team never looked back once Gary Alexander had headed into his own net from Steve Cook's dangerous cross.

Brett Pitman doubled the advantage with a quickly-taken free-kick five minutes before the break as Crawley looked well beaten by the interval.

Cherries, who registered three successive league clean sheets for the first time in 13 months, completed the win thanks to a beautiful third from Eunan O'Kane.

Livewire winger Josh McQuoid replaced Wes Fogden in boss Howe's only change from the Cherries team that defeated Yeovil on Boxing Day.

There was a familiar face in the visiting line-up as ex-Cherries captain Shaun Cooper, who made 231 appearances in seven seasons at Dean Court, started on his return to Dorset.

It was Cooper who almost made the first meaningful impact of the clash as his sweetly-struck 20-yarder had James scrambling as it flew narrowly wide.

The play-off hopefuls went into the match separated only by goal difference and as heavy rain poured down from the gloomy Bournemouth skies, a tight and evenly-contested game was widely expected.

However, Cherries steadily began to take control in what turned out to be a one-sided affair.

The Dorset outfit did not have to wait long for the breakthrough as they opened the scoring on 16 minutes. Cook, impressive in central defence, showed his skills at the other end by delivering a ball which Crawley skipper Alexander could only manage to head into his own net.

Pitman, booked for a late lunge on Nicky Adams, then sent leading marksman Lewis Grabban clear, only for the striker's golden touch to desert him as he fired wide.

Cherries continued to attack with purpose and pace as they threatened to add to their tally, which they eventually did on 40 minutes.

The bright Pitman's quickly-taken free-kick skided in off the far post.

Crawley needed to find a few extra gears if they were to give themselves any hope of salvaging something in the second half and they began with far more intent than they had showed during the opening 45 minutes.

The lively Adams hit a decent drive before the same player almost reduced the arrears with a deep inswinging corner, only for James to somehow scoop clear.

Cherries' impressive defensive pairing of Cook and Tommy Elphick stood firm as Crawley, despite all their possession, struggled to create clear-cut opportunities.

The Red Devils' bid for an equaliser was affording Cherries more space at the other end and Pitman capitalised on that to release Grabban, whose low shot was cleared.

From the resulting corner, Cook should have put the verdict beyond doubt when he could only direct his free header into the arms of a grateful Jones.

Cook clipped the Crawley crossbar with a header in the 74th minute.

James produced the save of the match when he used an outstretched leg to deny Clarke after he had stormed through.

After Arter had limped off through injury, Cherries made sure of yet another three points thanks to a magical goal from O'Kane with six minutes remaining. Racing on to a long ball out of defence, the midfielder showed beautiful touch to control before sliding a low finish under the advancing Jones.

Substitute Matt Tubbs was denied late on against his former club.

Pompey woe

TWO-NIL down at the break, Pompey gave themselves hope with Paul Benson's 53rd-minute effort but, in the end, sank to a 2-1 defeat at home to Yeovil.

The visitors' goals came from Dominic Blizzrd and Byron Webster.

Review of the Year

1 Who was the last torch bearer to carry the Olympic flame into the stadium ahead of the opening ceremony of the London Games?

2 Which member of Team GB read the Athlete's Oath?

3 How many gold medals did Team GB win in total at London 2012, finishing third in the table – 29, 30 or 31?

4 Name the athletes who won Team GB's first and last Olympic gold medals?

5 Korean Im Dong-Hyun, who is blind in one eye, set a new world record in which sport on the opening day of London 2012?

6 Who finished second to Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt in the final of the 100m and 200m?

7 Which lightweight boxer won Ireland's only gold medal at London 2012?

8 Olivia Federici and Jenna Randall represented Team GB at which Olympic aquatic event in London?

9 Sir Chris Hoy became Britain's most successful Olympian when he claimed a sixth gold in which track event at the Velodrome?

10 In which sport did South Korea's Shin A Lam grab the headlines for sitting down for an hour and crying her eyes out?

11 Name the three Team GB athletes who all claimed gold medals on "Super Saturday" in the Olympic Stadium.

12 Team GB women's hockey side claimed a bronze medal - but the men were thumped 9-2 by which nation in their semi-final at the Riverbank Arena?

13 Which Arsenal Ladies player scored in all three of Team GB's women's football group wins, including a 1-0 victory over Brazil?

14 Name the captain of Team GB men's Olympic handball squad.

15 Ed McKeever won gold for Team GB in which sprint canoe event at Eton Dorney?

16 Who added Olympic gold to his world number one ranking in the double trap shooting?

17 After his success at London 2012, how many Olympic gold medals does sailor Ben Ainslie now hold – three, four or five?

18 Who beat Britain's bronze medallist Tom Daley to claim gold in the men's 10m platform?

19 Which Team GB boxer won an historic gold medal in the women's flyweight division?

QUESTION 9: Sir Chris Hoy.

QUESTION 26: Louis Smith.

QUESTION 35: Rebecca Adlington.

QUESTION 18: Tom Daley.

QUESTION 30: Samantha Murray.

QUESTION 38: Name this pair of brothers.

WHAT CAN YOU REMEMBER

20 Robert Grabarz won a bronze medal for Team GB in which field event?

21 Who did host nation Great Britain beat to record their only victory in the men's basketball competition at the North Greenwich Arena?

22 Carl Hester on Uthopia, Laura Bechtolsheimer on Mistral Hojris and Charlotte Dujardin on Valegro claimed gold for Team GB at which equestrian event in Greenwich Park?

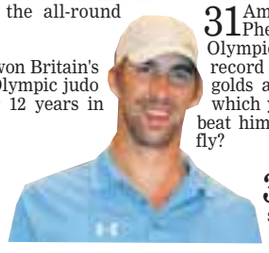
23 Who won bronze for Team GB in the cycling time trial behind Tour de France champion Bradley Wiggins?

24 Name the scorer of Team GB's first goal for the men's football side against Senegal at Old Trafford.

25 Who beat defending Olympic champion Christine Ohuruogu to win 400m gold in London?

26 Louis Smith and Max Whitlock claimed silver and bronze medals in the pommel horse for Team GB, but can you name the other three members of the gymnastics squad which secured an historic bronze in the all-round event?

27 Who won Britain's first Olympic judo medals for 12 years in London?



28 Stephen Kiprotich of Uganda claimed gold in which distance race?

29 Name the crew of the coxless fours who won the only men's rowing gold for Team GB at Eton Dorney.

30 Samantha Murray won silver for Team GB in which event on the final day of London 2012?

31 American Michael Phelps, left, took his Olympic medals tally to a record 22 with four more golds at London 2012 - but which young South African beat him in the 200m butterfly?

32 Name the British weight lifter who set a new national record as she placed 12th in the women's under-58kg clean and jerk.

33 Ukrainian-born Olga Butkevych was a controversial selection for Team GB in which Olympic sport for London 2012?

34 With whom did Olympic tennis champion Andy Murray win a silver medal in the mixed doubles, held at Wimbledon?

35 Double Beijing gold medalist Rebecca Adlington won two bronzes in the pool, but which British swimmer was the only other to finish on the podium at the Aquatics Centre?

36 Which Team GB Taekwondo fighter was controversially selected ahead of world number one Aaron Cook and went on to win an Olympic bronze medal?

37 How many of their five pool matches did Great Britain's Olympic volleyball team win at Earls Court?

38 Name the brothers who won gold and bronze for Team GB in the triathlon.

39 Which country won gold in the Water Polo?

40 Paul Drinkhall represented Team GB at which Olympic event in London?

41 What did China badminton players Yu Yang and Wang Xiaoli do to spark one of the biggest controversies of the London Games?

42 How many Paralympic gold medals did swimmer

Review of the Year

QUESTION 42: Eleanor Simmonds.

QUESTION 55: Golden Boot winner.

QUESTION 72: New England captain.

QUESTION 49: Zara Dampney.

QUESTION 61: Kevin Pietersen.

QUESTION 62: Top runscorer.

OF A GREAT SPORTING YEAR?

Ellie Simmonds win - two, three or four?

43 Name the sprinter who beat South African Paralympics star Oscar Pistorius to gold in the T44 200m.

44 Who was the youngest gold medallist for Team GB at London 2012 Olympic Games?

45 Which security firm were unable to fulfil their quota ahead of London 2012, which led to the Armed Forces being drafted in?

46 T54 wheelchair athlete Dave Weir, right, claimed how many golds for Britain at the Paralympics - three, four or five?

47 In which event did Lizzie Armitstead win Team GB's first medal at London 2012?

48 Which nation won gold in the wheelchair rugby, also dubbed 'Murder Ball'?

49 Zara Dampney and Shauna Mullin competed in which Olympic event for Team GB?

50 Name the mascots for London 2012.

51 Who missed penalties as England went out of Euro 2012 to Italy in Kiev?

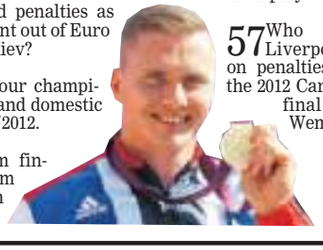
52 Name the four champions of England domestic football for 2011/2012.

53 Which team finished bottom of Scottish Division Three with a minus 50 goal difference?

54 Name the two Spanish sides who contested the 2011/2012 Europa League final in Bucharest.

55 Which striker claimed the Golden Boot at Euro 2012?

56 Where was the 2012 Champions League final between Chelsea and Bayern Munich played?



57 Who did Liverpool beat on penalties to win the 2012 Carling Cup final at Wembley?

58 Which team won the 2012 Wales Premier League title?

59 Who scored the Republic of Ireland's only goal at Euro 2012?

60 Name the beaten semi-finalists in the 2012 FA Cup.

61 Why was England batsman Kevin Pietersen sanctioned by the ECB during the summer of 2012?

62 Which Somerset batsman finished top run scorer in the County Championship?

63 Name the side which won both the 2012 Clydesdale Bank 40 and Friends Life t20 titles.

64 Who finished bottom of County Championship Division Two?

65 Which team won the 2012 Indian Premier League?

66 Which two Irish sides contested the 2012 Heineken European Cup final at Twickenham?

67 Who finished bottom of the 2011/2012 Aviva Premiership table?

68 Who beat Cornish Pirates to win the 2012 RFU Championship final?

69 Which nation completed the Grand Slam to win the 2012 RBS 6 Nations title?

70 Who joined New Zealand, Australia and South Africa in the newly-formed 'Rugby Championship' for 2012?

71 Who won the Lance Todd Trophy as man of the match in Warrington's Challenge Cup final win?

72 Who succeeded Jamie Peacock as England captain in 2012?

73 Who won the Man of Steel award for 2012?

74 Which club finished bottom of Super League?

ANSWERS

1) Sir Steven Redgrave
2) Sarah Stevenson (Taekwondo)
3) 29
4) Helen Glover & Heather Stanning (women's coxless pairs rowing); Anthony Joshua (boxing, superheavyweight)
5) Archery
6) Yohan Blake
7) Katie Taylor
8) Syncronised Swimming Duet
9) Keirin
10) Fencing. She sat on the piste in tears during an unsuccessful protest into her semi-final defeat.
11) Mo Farah (10,000m), Jessica Ennis (Heptathlon) & Greg Rutherford (Long Jump),
12) Netherlands
13) Steph Houghton
14) Bobby White
15) K1 200m
16) Peter Wilson
17) Four
18) David Boulia
19) Nicola Adams
20) High Jump
21) China
22) Team Dressage
23) Chris Froome
24) Craig Bellamy
25) Sanya Richards-Ross, of the United States
26) Sam Oldham, Daniel Purvis & Kristian Thomas
27) Gemma Gibbons (silver, under-78kgs) & Karina Bryant (bronze, over-78kgs)
28) Marathon
29) Alex Gregory, Tom James, Pete Reed & Andrew Triggs-Hodge
30) Modern Pentathlon
31) Chad le Clos
32) Zoe Smith
33) Women's freestyle wrestling
34) Laura Robson
35) Michael Jamieson (men's 200m breastroke)
36) Lutalo Muhammad
37) None
38) Alistair & Jonathan Brownlee
39) Croatia
40) Table Tennis
41) Deliberately lost points an attempt to lose their final women's doubles group match and so earn a more favourable draw
42) Two (400m freestyle & 200m Individual Medley)
43) Alan Olivera of Brazil
44) Jade Jones (Taekwondo, aged 19)
45) G4S
46) Four (1500m, 5000m, 800m & Marathon)
47) Women's road race (cycling)
48) Australia
49) Beach Volleyball
50) Wenlock & Mandeville
51) Ashley Cole & Ashley Young
52) Manchester City, Reading, Charlton & Swindon
53) East Stirling
54) Atletico Madrid (3) Athletic Bilbao (0)
55) Fernando Torres
56) Allianz Arena, Munich
57) Cardiff
58) The New Saints
59) Sean St Ledger
60) Everton & Tottenham
61) He sent defamatory text messages to members of the South African dressing room, criticising his own England team-mates
62) Nick Compton
63) Hampshire Royals
64) Gloucestershire
65) Kolkata Knight Riders
RUGBY UNION
66) Leinster (42) Ulster (14)
67) Newcastle Falcons
68) London Welsh
69) Wales
70) Argentina
71) Brett Hodgson
72) Kevin Sinfield
73) Sam Tomkins (Wigan)
74) Widnes Vikings

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Claire 02380 407551

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Lordswood Community Centre,
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Lynn 07971 354179

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Hayley 07545 772258

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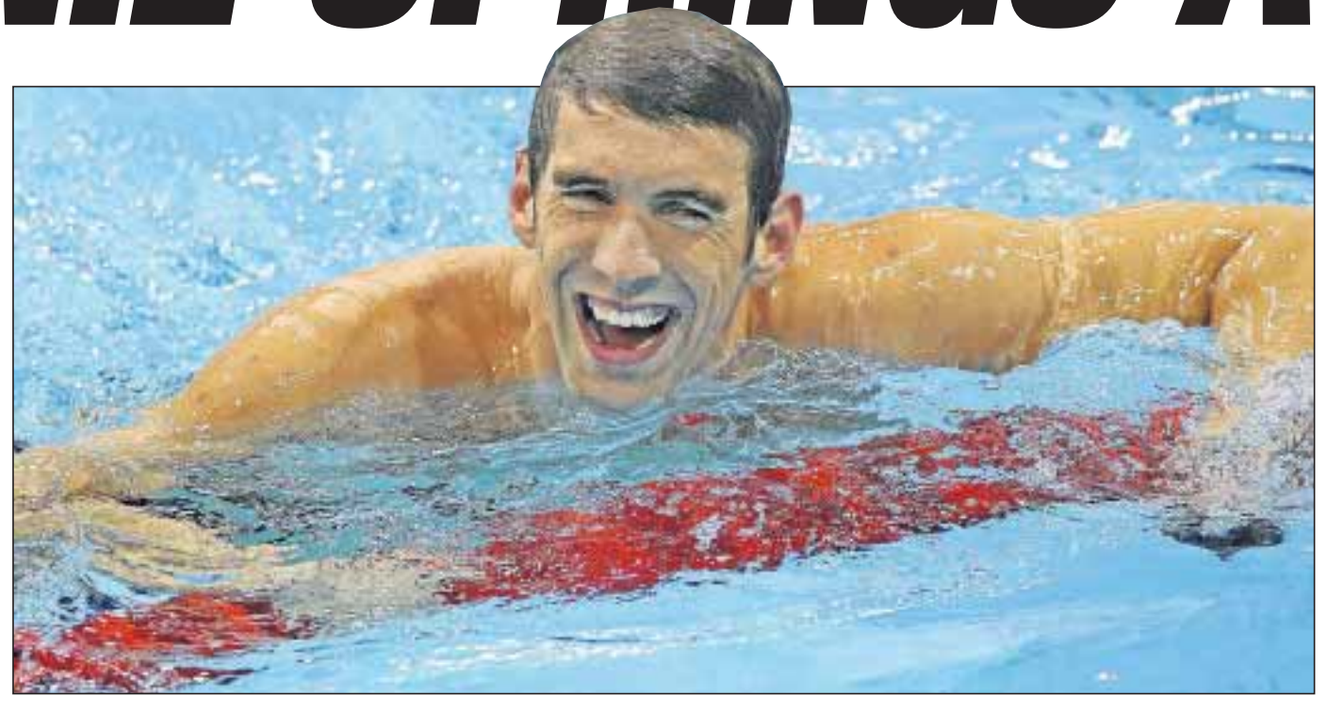
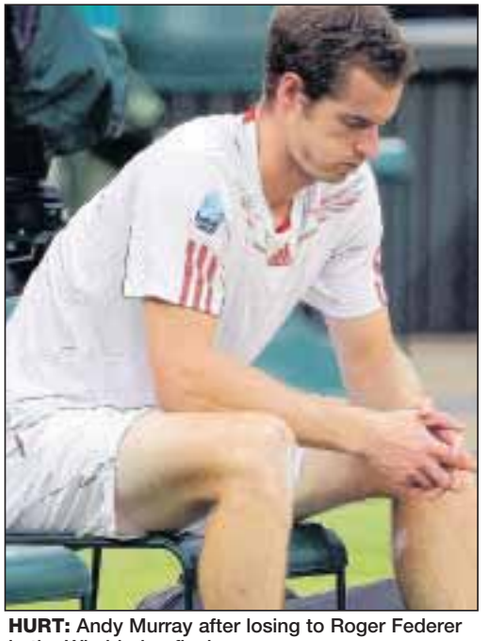


RECORD BREAKER: Michael Phelps, above.

TOUR DE FORCE: Bradley Wiggins.



HURT: Andy Murray after losing to Roger Federer in the Wimbledon final.

JULY

1. Spain became the first side in history to win three major international tournaments in a row, beating Italy 4-0 in Kiev to win Euro 2012.

England eased to victory in the second ODI against Australia at The Oval, winning by six wickets after chasing down 252 with ease. Ian Bell, with 75, and Ravi Bopara, who top-scored with 82no, caught the eye.

2. Five Welsh and 13 English players – including Saints' Jack Cork – were selected for Great Britain's men's Olympic squad for London 2012. Team GB manager Stuart Pearce did not pick any Scottish or Northern Irish players.

Team Sky rider Mark Cavendish won the second stage of the Tour de France between Vise and Tournai. It is the 21st stage win of the Briton's career.

3. Former Chelsea boss Andre-Villas Boas was appointed Tottenham's head coach.

Former drugs cheat Dwain Chambers was selected to represent Team GB at the London 2012 Olympics.

4. Arsenal striker Robin van Persie announced he would not sign a new contract at the Emirates with his current deal running out at the end of the season.

Andy Murray reached the semi-finals at Wimbledon after a 6-7 (7/5) 7-6 (8/6) 6-4 7-6 (7/4) win over seventh seed David Ferrer.

5. Goal-line technology was approved as part of the laws of football by the International FA Board (IFAB).

6. Andy Murray beat France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 6-3 6-4 3-6 7-5 to reach the Wimbledon men's singles final, the first Briton since Bunny Austin in 1938.

Rangers captain Steven Davis joined Saints on a three-year deal.

7. Serena Williams won her fifth Wimbledon singles title beating Agnieszka Radwanska 6-1 5-7 6-2. The American then teamed with sister Venus to win the women's doubles title.

Britain's Jonny Marray and Denmark's Freddie Nielsen won the Wimbledon's men's doubles title.

England took an unassailable 3-0 lead in the NatWest Series against Australia with an eight-wicket win at Chester-le-Street.

8. Andy Murray's bid to become the first British men's singles champion at Wimbledon since Fred Perry in 1936 was thwarted by Roger Federer, whose 4-6 7-5 6-3 6-4 victory gave the Swiss a record-equalling seventh title.

Red Bull's Mark Webber won the British Grand Prix at Silverstone with Fernando Alonso (Ferrari) second and Sebastian Vettel (Red Bull) third.

9. Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini agreed a new five-year contract, ending speculation linking him with the Russia job.

Team Sky's Bradley Wiggins won his first ever stage at the Tour de France, the individual time-trial from Arc-et-Senans to Besancon.

10. Mark Webber signed a new deal with Red Bull Racing for 2013.

South Africa wicketkeeper Mark Boucher was forced into international retirement ahead of the tour of England after suffering a freak eye injury in a warm-up game. England prepared for the series by completing a 4-0 win in their one-day series against Australia.

11. FIFA announced they were to investigate former Saints defender Claus Lundekvam's claims that he was involved in spot-fixing.

Amir Khan was reinstated as WBA light-welterweight champion by the governing body following his controversial loss to Lamont Peterson, according to his promoter Richard Schaefer.

12. Ajax skipper Jan Vertonghen completed his move to Tottenham after undergoing a medical.

Fulham signed free transfer Hugo Rodallega on a three-year contract subject to a work permit.

13. It was announced Rangers would start the new season in the Irn-Bru Third Division following a vote by Scottish Football League chairmen at Hampden.

Australia paceman Brett Lee announced his retirement from international cricket.

14. David Haye beat Dereck Chisora in a fifth-round knockout in their controversial clash at Upton Park.

Bradley Wiggins made history by

Review of the Year

MAJOR SURPRISE

MAJOR RETURN: South Africa's Ernie Els. INSET: Lizzie Armitstead who won Great Britain's first London 2012 medal.

becoming the first Briton to wear the yellow jersey for the seventh time, maintaining his advantage at the end of the 13th stage.

15. Amir Khan lost to Danny Garcia by a fourth-round stoppage in their WBA and WBC light-welterweight unification fight in Las Vegas.

India's Jeev Milkha won the Scottish Open following a play-off with Italy's Francesco Molinari at Castle Stuart.

17. Plans for a Formula One circuit in and around the Olympic Stadium officially went under consideration, the London Legacy Development Corporation announced.

19. Mohamed Bin Hammam had his lifetime FIFA ban annulled by the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Former England defender Ledley King retired from professional football at Tottenham.

Reigning Olympic champion Rafael Nadal withdrew from London 2012 due to injury.

20. Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson confirmed the club had made a bid for Arsenal captain Robin van Persie.

The SFA announced Rangers newco had accepted a 12-month transfer ban, beginning on September 1, as a condition of gaining membership of the Scottish Football Association, although the Ibrox club later said no deal had been signed.

21. Graeme Smith scored a century in his 100th Test as South Africa reach 403 for two, a lead of 18 over England.

22. Bradley Wiggins became the first British winner of the Tour de France and made it a day to remember as he helped fellow Briton Mark Cavendish claim the stage win in Paris.

Adam Scott blew a four-shot lead over the final four holes as Ernie Els snatched victory in the Open Championship, his first major tournament win since 2002.

23. South Africa won the opening Investec Test against England at the Oval by an innings and 12 runs to take a 1-0 lead in the three-match series.

25. Chelsea complete the signing of Brazil playmaker Oscar from Internacional in a deal reported to be worth £25m.

The World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) banned Joe Jogia from snooker until the end of the 2014 World Championship after an investigation into suspicious betting patterns.

26. Great Britain's Olympic team were held 1-1 by Senegal at Old Trafford after conceding a late equaliser from Moussa Konate. Craig Bellamy put the hosts in front.

27. South Korea claimed the first two world records of London 2012 in the men's archery ranking round. Im Dong-hyun broke his own individual record for 72 arrows and joined Kim Bubmin and Oh Jin-hyek to set a new team mark for 216 arrows.

Chelsea captain John Terry was charged by the Football Association with using abusive and/or insulting words and/or behaviour towards QPR defender Anton Ferdinand.

29. Cyclist Lizzie Armitstead claimed Great Britain's first medal of the London 2012 Olympics with silver in the women's road race, while swimmer Rebecca Adlington clinched bronze in the women's 400metres freestyle final.

Lewis Hamilton breathed new life into his Formula One title challenge by holding off the challenge of Kimi Raikkonen to win the Hungarian Grand Prix.

30. Great Britain won their first men's Olympic gymnastics team medal in a century when they claimed bronze at the North Greenwich arena. Louis Smith, Max Whitlock, Daniel Purvis, Sam Oldham and Kristian Thomas were initially awarded silver but were downgraded following a successful inquiry on the pommel horse by Japan.

Tom Daley and Pete Waterfield finished fourth in the 10m platform synchro diving at London 2012. The duo had led the competition at the halfway mark but faded.

31. Michael Phelps became the most decorated Olympian of all time, winning a record 19th after the United States claimed the gold in the men's 4x200m freestyle relay.

Britain's Tina Cook, William Fox-Pitt, Mary King, Zara Phillips and Nicola Wilson won the eventing team silver medal behind Germany.

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FINALS DAY GLORY

CHAMPS: Hampshire celebrate their Friends Life t20 final victory over Yorkshire.

AUGUST

1. Bradley Wiggins became the first man to win the Tour de France and Olympic gold in the same year with an imperious victory in the London 2012 time-trial. The 32-year-old claimed his fourth Olympic gold and seventh medal in all, surpassing Sir Steve Redgrave with a British record haul of Games medals.

Great Britain had earlier celebrated their first gold medal after Helen Glover and Heather Stanning stormed to victory in the final of the women's pair.

2. Sir Chris Hoy won his fifth Olympic gold medal as he Philip Hindes and Jason Kenny won cycling men's team sprint.

3. Katherine Grainger added gold to her three silver medals she won from the last three Olympics as she and partner Anna Watkins won the women's double sculls.

Ed Clancy, Geraint Thomas, Steven Burke and Peter Kennaugh then set a new world record as they captured gold for the hosts in the men's team pursuit.

Victoria Pendleton won the women's Keirin shortly after to add to her sprint gold she won at the Sydney Games.

4. Jessica Ennis realised the hopes of a nation as she claimed the heptathlon gold medal with a winning margin of 327 points in an electric night at the Olympic Stadium.

Mo Farah then stepped up to the mark with a masterful victory in the 10,000 metres while Greg Rutherford emerges a surprise gold medallist in the long jump.

On a day that yields six golds for Britain, rowers Alex Gregory, Pete Reed, Tom James, Andrew Triggs Hodge take the men's four and Katherine Copeland and Sophie Hosking the women's double sculls at Eton Dorney while Dani King, Laura Trott, Joanna Rowsell smashed the world record as they won the women's team pursuit in the velodrome.

5. Ben Ainslie became the most successful sailor in Olympic history as he claimed gold for the fourth Games in a row.

Andy Murray won Olympic gold by defeating Roger Federer on Centre Court at Wimbledon before going on to win a silver medal alongside Laura Robson in the mixed doubles.

Jamaica's Usain Bolt then won gold in the men's 100 metres with an Olympic record time of 9.63 seconds.

6. Jason Kenny won a stunning Olympic gold in the men's sprint at the London 2012 velodrome, fully justifying his selection ahead of 2008 champion Sir Chris Hoy with his third Games gold.

Beth Tweddle won bronze on the uneven bars at the North Greenwich Arena in her last Olympic Games.

7. Sir Chris Hoy became the greatest British Olympian in history as he landed his sixth gold medal on his final appearance at the games in the men's keirin.

Charlotte Dujardin, Carl Hester and Laura Bechtolsheimer claimed an historic gold for Team GB in the dressage competition while Laura Trott added another gold in the omnium in the velodrome and brothers Alistair and Johnny Brownlee finished first and third respectively in the triathlon.

9. Britain's Nicola Adams became the first woman boxing champions in Olympic history after taking gold in the the women's flyweight division and shortly afterwards Katie Taylor won Ireland's first gold of the London Games by winning the women's lightweight division.

Britain's Charlotte Dujardin kept the gold rush coming by winning the equestrian individual freestyle dressage, with teammate Laura Bechtolsheimer taking bronze.

Usain Bolt picked up his second gold medal of the Games with victory in the men's 200 metres ahead of compatriots Yohan Blake and Warren Weir.

10. Anthony Ogogo's dream of an Olympic gold medal came to an end as he was beaten 16-9 by Brazil's Esquiva Falcao in their middleweight semi-final, and was forced to settle for bronze.

11. Britain's Mo Farah won his second gold medal of the Olympics with a thrilling victory in the 5,000 metres, while Usain Bolt brought the track action at London 2012 to a fittingly brilliant close, anchoring the Jamaican

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FOR HAMPSHIRE

4x100m relay team to gold in a new world record.

Britain's Luke Campbell won the gold medal in the men's bantamweight, Tom Daley claimed bronze in a controversial and dramatic men's 10-metre platform final and Ed McKeever stormed to gold for Britain in the 200m kayak sprint at Eton Dorney.

Kevin Pietersen made a dramatic U-turn by committing himself to playing for England in all forms of the game.

Darts commentator Sid Waddell died at the age of 72.

12. Anthony Joshua brought a tumultuous end to the Olympic boxing tournament with a thrilling countback victory over Roberto Cammarelle to win gold but Fred Evans was forced to settle for a silver medal after losing a wide 17-9 decision to impressive Kazakh Serik Sapiyev in their men's welterweight final.

Samantha Murray won the silver medal in the women's modern pentathlon. Lithuania's Laura Asadauskaite took the gold.

Kevin Pietersen was left out of England's squad for the third Investec Test against South Africa at Lord's.

13. The International Olympic Committee confirmed Belarusian shot-putter Nadzeya Ostapchuk had been stripped of her Olympic gold medal after failing a doping test for the anabolic agent metenolone.

17. Robin van Persie completed his £24m move from Arsenal to Manchester United, signing a four-year deal.

18. The Premier League season kicked off with Fulham and Swansea both recording 5-0 wins, while Liverpool began life under Brendan Rodgers with a 3-0 defeat to West Brom.

20. South Africa moved to the top of the ICC Test rankings after a 51-run win over England at Lord's.

24. Lance Armstrong was stripped of his seven Tour de France titles and banned from cycling for life, the United States Anti-Doping Agency announced.

25. Warrington lifted the Challenge Cup for the third time in four years with a 35-18 win over Leeds at Wembley.

Hampshire won the Friends Life t20 tournament with a final win over Yorkshire.

27. Luka Modric completed his transfer from Tottenham to Real Madrid for a reported £33m fee.

Ian Poulter and Nicolas Colsaerts received the two wild card picks as Jose Maria Olazabal announced his European Ryder Cup team.

28. Saints signed Zambia forward Emmanuel Mayuka from Young Boys subject to international clearance.

Hashim Amla scored 150 as South Africa beat England by 80 runs in the second one-day international at the Ageas Bowl to go 1-0 up in the five-match series.

29. Andrew Strauss stepped down as England captain and also retired from professional cricket. Alastair Cook was named as the new England Test captain.

Britain's Laura Robson pulled off by far the biggest win of her career with a stunning performance at the US Open to bring Kim Clijsters' professional singles career to an end. Robson won 7-6 (7/4) 7-6 (7/5) against the three-times champion.

30. Sarah Storey won Great Britain's first gold medal at the Paralympics with victory in the women's C5 three-kilometres individual pursuit at the London 2012 velodrome.

West Ham completed the signing of Liverpool striker Andy Carroll on a season-long loan deal.

31. Premier League champions Manchester City captured Benfica midfielder Javi Garcia for £16m on a busy transfer deadline day. Tottenham completed the signing of Lyon goalkeeper Hugo Lloris and agreed a deal to sign Clint Dempsey from Fulham, who had earlier snapped up Dimitar Berbatov.

England levelled their ODI series with South Africa as half-centuries from Eoin Morgan and Jonathan Trott saw them to a four-wicket win at the Oval.

Tennis starlet Laura Robson continued her giant-killing run at the US Open with a brilliant 6-4 6-7 (5/7) 6-2 victory over ninth seed Li Na to reach the fourth round.

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THE MIRACLE

SEPTEMBER

1. Ellie Simmonds won Paralympics gold for Great Britain in the women's S6 400m freestyle in a new world record time of 5:19.17.

2. Robin van Persie scored a hat-trick to take his Premier League goals total to 100 as Manchester United twice came from behind to win 3-2 at Southampton in Sir Alex Ferguson's 1,000th game in charge.

4. Stoke announced the signing of free agent striker Michael Owen on a one-year deal.

Warren Gatland was named as the head coach of the British and Irish Lions tour of Australia in 2013.

Sophie Christiansen became the first Briton to win three golds at the London Paralympics with victory in the freestyle dressage.

5. Cyclist and former swimmer Sarah Storey won the tenth Paralympic gold medal of her career in the C5 16-kilometre time-trial, while swimmer Oliver Hynd won the SM8 200 metres individual medley.

England lost their final one-day international against South Africa by seven wickets to draw the five-match series 2-2.

6. Sarah Storey won Paralympic cycling road race gold to equal Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson's haul of 11 gold medals.

There were also gold medals on the athletics track for Hannah Cockcroft, David Weir and Jonnie Peacock.

Warwickshire won cricket's LV_ County Championship with an innings-and-202-run win over Worcestershire.

7. Former Hampshire player Kevin Pietersen was not among the list of ten players given an annual central contract for 2012-13 by the England and Wales Cricket Board.

8. Andy Murray booked his place in the US Open final with a four-set win over Tomas Berdych.

9. Serena Williams won the US Open women's singles title with a 6-2 2-6 7-5 victory over Victoria Azarenka of Belarus.

Britain's David Weir won his fourth gold on the final day of the London Paralympics with victory in the men's T54 marathon. Shelly Woods added silver in the women's event.

10. Britain's astonishing summer of sport come to a colourful and emotional climax as hundreds of Olympic and Paralympic athletes paraded through the capital to finally bring the curtain down on London 2012.

11. Andy Murray became the first British man to win a grand slam title in 76 years after beating Novak Djokovic 7-6 (12/10) 7-5 2-6 3-6 6-2 in the US Open final.

12. Police and emergency services made "strenuous attempts" to deflect the blame for the Hillsborough disaster onto innocent fans, newly published documents about the tragedy revealed.

14. Ricky Hatton confirmed he would resume his career on November 24 in Manchester. Hatton's previous fight was in 2009 and he formally retired in 2011.

15. QPR defender Anton Ferdinand and captain Ji-Sung Park refused the handshakes of John Terry and Ashley Cole prior to their goalless draw with Chelsea. It was the first time that Ferdinand and Terry had met on a football field since the England centre-back's race trial in July.

Hampshire won a thrilling Clydesdale Bank 40 final against Warwickshire, taking victory after losing fewer wickets with the scores tied at 244 at the finish.

16. Andre Villas-Boas secured his first victory as Tottenham manager courtesy of a 3-1 triumph over Reading at the Madejski Stadium.

Jonathan Tiernan-Locke became the first British rider to win the Tour of Britain in 19 years as Mark Cavendish won his third stage of the race.

17. Manchester City midfielder David Silva signed a new five-year deal until summer 2017.

18. Manchester City let slip a 2-1 lead in the final minutes away to Real Madrid as they lost 3-2 in their

LOVELY BUBBLY: From left: Europe's Sergio Garcia, Luke Donald and Justin Rose celebrate after winning the Ryder Cup.

GOLDEN GIRL: Ellie Simmonds.

TON UP: Manchester United's Robin van Persie, left, celebrates scoring against Saints at St Mary's. The striker went to hit a match-winning hat-trick – reaching 100 Premier League goals – in a 3-2 victory.

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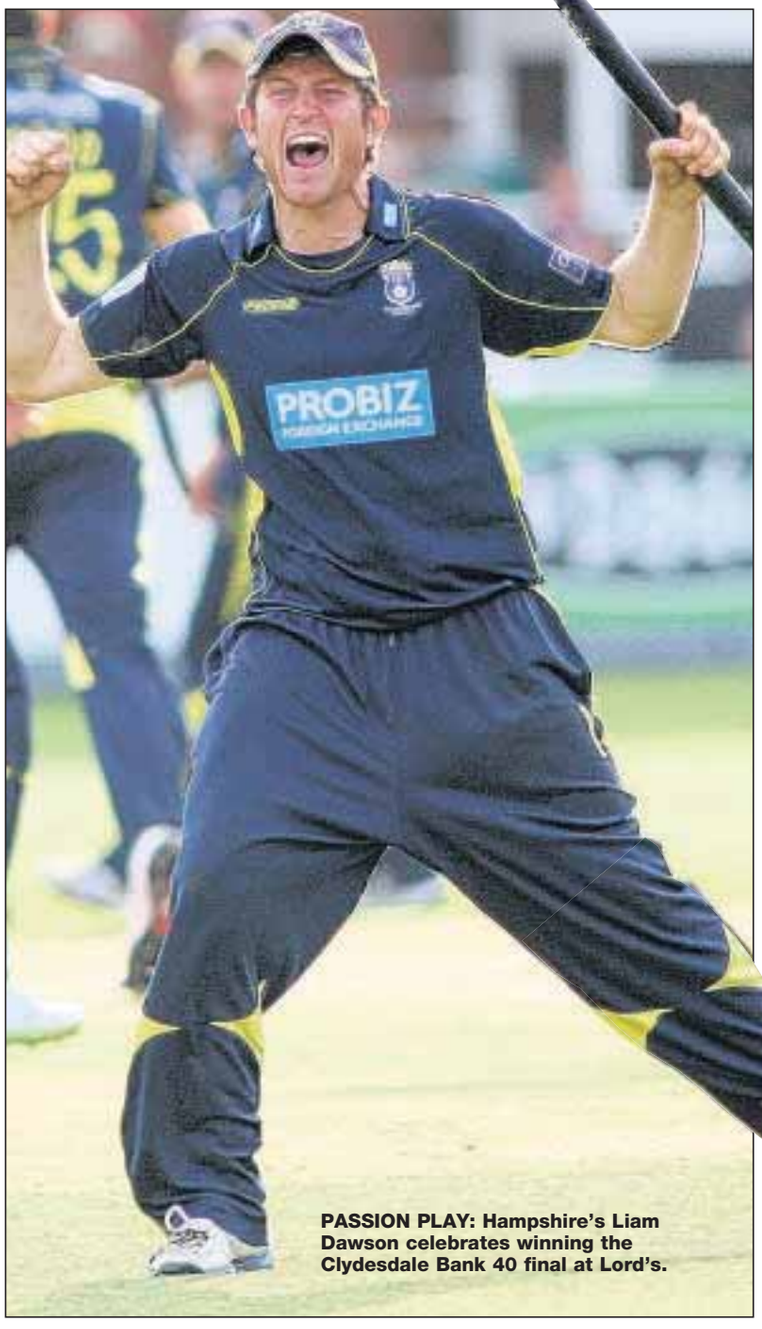
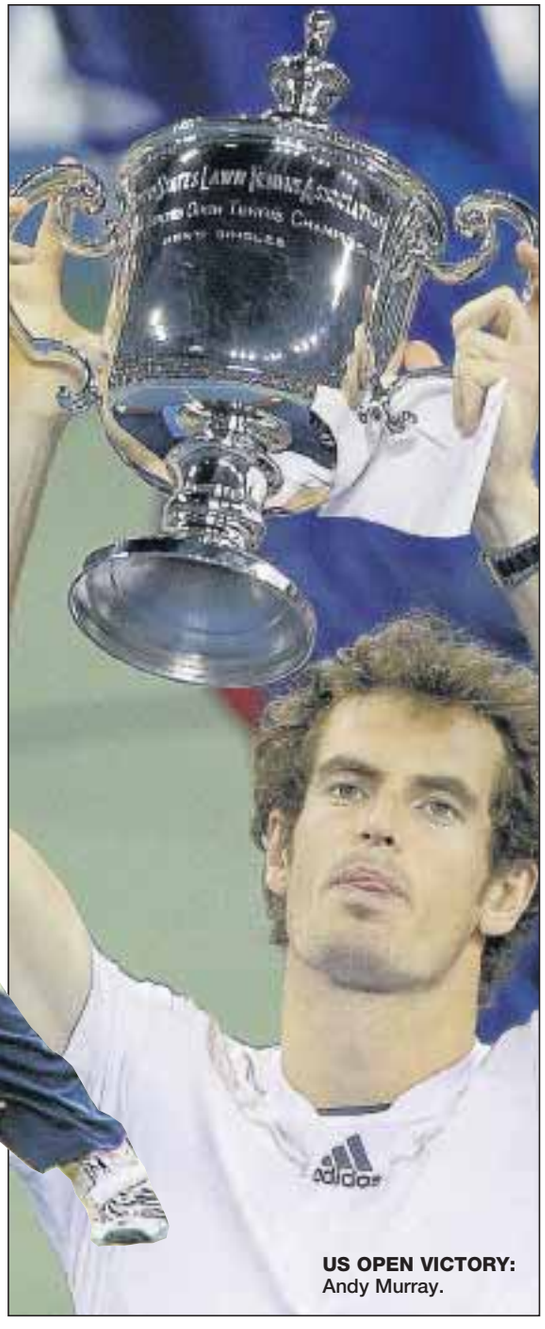


PASSION PLAY: Hampshire's Liam Dawson celebrates winning the Clydesdale Bank 40 final at Lord's.



US OPEN VICTORY: Andy Murray.

Champions League opener. Arsenal came from behind to beat Montpellier 2-1 in France.

Kevin Pietersen was left out of England's Test squad for the tour of India, with Joe Root and Nick Compton called in.

19. England pulled off an unlikely 15-run victory despite mustering only 111 all out against Pakistan in their second and final ICC World Twenty20 warm-up match.

20. Alastair Cook revealed that senior England officials had been holding talks in Sri Lanka with exiled batsman Kevin Pietersen over his international future.

21. Luke Wright struck an unbeaten 99 as England began the defence of their World Twenty20 title with a 116-run win over Afghanistan.

Laura Robson became the first British woman in 22 years to reach a WTA singles final after defeating Sorana Cirstea in the semi-finals of the event in Guangzhou, China.

22. Ashley Cole spared the blushes of Chelsea's £130m attack with a late winner as the European champions beat Stoke 1-0 to go three points clear at the top of the Barclays Premier League.

Saints signed former Celtic goalkeeper Artur Boruc on a free transfer until the end of the season.

23. John Terry sensationally quit England less than 24 hours before the Football Association hearing into the Anton Ferdinand saga was expected to begin.

Red Bull driver Sebastian Vettel won the Singapore Grand Prix. McLaren's Jenson Button finished second and Fernando Alonso (Ferrari) was third. Lewis Hamilton, who was on pole position, retired with a gearbox problem on lap 23.

24. Ireland departed the World Twenty20 as their group clash with West Indies was washed out.

England manager Roy Hodgson thanked the newly-retired John Terry for his service to the national team on the day his Football Association hearing about the Anton Ferdinand saga began.

Referee Mark Halsey reported Twitter abuse directed at him by fans following his officiating of Liverpool's loss to Manchester United to the police.

25. Aston Villa win 4-2 at Manchester City while Leeds held off late pressure to knock out Everton 2-1 and move into the Capital One Cup fourth round.

Pakistan become the final team to qualify for the ICC World Twenty20 Super Eights with an eight-wicket win over Bangladesh.

26. Former Manchester City and Norwich manager John Bond, who managed City in the memorable 1981 FA Cup final against Tottenham, died aged 79.

Theo Walcott scored twice as Arsenal hammered Coventry 6-1 to book their place in the fourth round.

27. John Terry was banned for four matches and given a £220,000 fine for using insulting words which included a reference to Anton Ferdinand's colour or race following an FA independent regulatory commission hearing.

Newcastle manager Alan Pardew signed a new eight-year contract.

England lost their opening World Twenty20 Super Eight match against West Indies at Pallekele by 15 runs.

28. The United States led 5-3 after day one of the Ryder Cup, sharing the morning foursomes before winning the afternoon's fourballs 3-1.

Leeds booked their place in a sixth Grand Final in seven years as they beat Wigan 13-12.

29. The United States took total control in the Ryder Cup, stretching their lead to 8-4 after the foursomes and taking a 10-6 advantage into the final day's singles after.

Tottenham beat Manchester United at Old Trafford for the first time since 1989 as Jan Vertonghen, Gareth Bale and Clint Dempsey earned Andre Villas-Boas' side a 3-2 win.

England beat New Zealand by six wickets in the World Twenty20 Super Eight, Luke Wright hitting 76 from 43 balls.

30. Europe produced a stunning comeback to retain the Ryder Cup winning 14 1/2 - 13 1/2. Martin Kaymer sunk the putt which saw Europe reach the 14 points they needed to keep hold of the trophy.

SPORTS CALENDAR 2013

JANUARY

ATHLETICS
26 Glasgow: Aviva International

BASKETBALL
13 Birmingham: BBL Cup final

CRICKET
6 Delhi: TBC v England
8 Delhi: TBC v England
11 Rajkot: India v England, 1st ODI
15 Kochi: India v England, 2nd ODI
19 Ranchi: India v England, 3rd ODI
23 Mohali: India v England, 4th ODI
27 Dharmasala: India v England, 5th ODI

CYCLING
17-19 Aguascalientes: Track World Cup III
22-27 Australia: Tour Down Under
30-Feb 1 Women's Tour of Qatar

GOLF
4-7 Hawaii: Hyundai Tournament of Champions
10-13 Durban: Volvo Champions
17-20 Abu Dhabi Championship
23-26 Doha: Commercialbank Qatar Masters
31-Feb 3 Dubai: Omega Dubai Desert Classic

MOTOR RACING
20-22 Monte Carlo Rally

RUGBY LEAGUE
31 Start of Co-operative Championship season

SNOOKER
13-20 London: The Masters
30-Feb 3 Berlin: German Masters

SOCCER
5 FA Cup third round
19-Feb 10 South Africa: African Nations Cup
26 FA Cup fourth round

TENNIS
1-6 Doha: Qatar ExxonMobil Open
14-27 Melbourne: Australian Open

FEBRUARY

ATHLETICS
9-10 Sheffield: European indoor trials and UK Championships
16 Birmingham: IAAF Indoor Grand Prix

BADMINTON
1-3 Manchester: English Championships

CRICKET
4 Whangarei: New Zealand XI v England T20
6 Whangarei: New Zealand XI v England T20
9 Auckland: New Zealand v England, 1st T20
12 Hamilton: New Zealand v England, 2nd T20
15 Wellington: New Zealand v England, 3rd T20
17 Hamilton: New Zealand v England, 1st ODI
20 Napier: New Zealand v England, 2nd ODI
23 Auckland: New Zealand v England, 3rd ODI
27-Mar 2 Queenstown: New Zealand XI v England

CYCLING
20-24 Minsk: Track Cycling World Championships

GOLF
7-10 Johannesburg: Joburg Open
14-17 East London: Africa Open
28-Mar 3 Copperleaf: Tshwane Open

MOTOR CYCLING
24 Phillip Island: World Superbikes

MOTOR RACING
10-12 Swedish Rally

RUGBY LEAGUE
1 First round of Super League fixtures
2 Leeds v Melbourne, World Club Challenge

RUGBY UNION
2 Six Nations: Wales v Ireland, England v Scotland
3 Six Nations: Italy v France
9 Six Nations: Scotland v Italy, France v Wales
10 Six Nations: Ireland v England
23 Six Nations: Italy v Wales, England v France
24 Six Nations: Scotland v Ireland

SNOOKER
11-17 Newport: Welsh Open
25-Mar 3 Hainan: Haikou World Open

SOCCER
2 Scottish Cup fifth round
6 International friendlies:
England v Brazil
Republic of Ireland v Poland
Scotland v Estonia
Wales v Austria
12-13 Champions League round of 16 first legs
14 Europa League round of 32 first legs
16 FA Cup fifth round
19-20 Champions League round of 16 first legs
21 Europa League round of 32 second legs

TENNIS
1-3 Davis Cup first round
9-10 Fed Cup first round
11-17 Doha: Qatar Total Open
18-24 Dubai Duty Free Championships (women)
25-Mar 3 Dubai Duty Free Championships (men)

MARCH

ATHLETICS
1-3 Gothenburg: European Indoor Championships

BADMINTON
5-10 Birmingham: All England Open Championships

BASKETBALL
9 Glasgow: BBL Trophy final

CRICKET
6-10 Dunedin: New Zealand v England, 1st Test
14-18 Wellington: New Zealand v England, 2nd Test
22-26 Auckland: New Zealand v England, 3rd Test

CYCLING
3-10 France: Paris-Nice
16 Italy: Milan-San Remo
18-24 Spain: Volta Ciclista a Catalunya
24 Belgium: Genk-Wevelgem
31 Belgium: Tour des Flanderes

GOLF
14-17 India: Avantha Masters
21-24 Kuala Lumpur: Maybank Malaysian Open
28-31 Morocco: Hassan Trophy

MOTOR CYCLING
10 New Delhi: World Superbikes

MOTOR RACING
10-12 Mexican Rally
17 Melbourne: Australian Grand Prix
24 Kuala Lumpur: Malaysian Grand Prix

RACING
12-15 Cheltenham Festival

ROWING
31 London: Boat Race

AUG 10-18

WORLD ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

RUGBY UNION
4-7 Amlin Challenge Cup quarter-finals
8-10 LV= Cup semi-finals
9 Six Nations: Scotland v Wales, Ireland v France
10 Six Nations: England v Italy
16 Six Nations: Italy v Ireland, Wales v England, France v Scotland
17 LV= Cup final

SNOOKER
12-17 PTC Grand Finals
25-31 Beijing: China Open

SOCCER
2 Scottish Cup quarter-finals
5-6 Champions League round of 16 second legs
7 Europa League round of 16 first legs
9 FA Cup quarter-finals
12-13 Champions League round of 16 second legs
14 Europa League round of 16 second legs
15 Nyon: Champions League and Europa League quarter-final, semi-final and final draws
22 World Cup qualifying matches
San Marino v England
Scotland v Wales
Sweden v Republic of Ireland
26 World Cup qualifying matches
Montenegro v England
Republic of Ireland v Austria
Wales v Croatia

TENNIS
4-17 Indian Wells: BNP Paribas Open
18-31 Miami: Sony Open

APRIL

ATHLETICS
21 Virgin London Marathon

BASKETBALL
28 London: BBL play-off final

CYCLING
7 France: Paris-Roubaix
19-20 Manchester: UCI BMX Supercross World Cup
23-28 Switzerland: Tour de Romandie

GOLF
11-14 Georgia: US Masters
18-21 TBC: Reale Seguros Spanish Open
25-28 Blackstone: Ballantine's Championship

MOTOR CYCLING
7 Doha: Qatar MotoGP
7 Aragon: World Superbikes
7 Brands Hatch: British Superbikes
14 Thruxton: British Superbikes
21 Austin: Americas MotoGP
28 Assen: World Superbikes

MOTOR RACING
14 Shanghai: Chinese Grand Prix
14-16 Portuguese Rally
21 Sakhir: Bahrain Grand Prix

RACING
4-6 Aintree: Grand National meeting

RUGBY UNION
4-7 Amlin Challenge Cup quarter-finals
5-7 Heineken Cup quarter-finals
26-28 Amlin Challenge Cup semi-finals
26-28 Heineken Cup semi-finals

SNOOKER
20-May 6 Sheffield: World Championship

SOCCER
2-3 Champions League quarter-final first legs
4 Europa League quarter-final first legs
9-10 Champions League quarter-final second legs
11 Europa League quarter-final second legs
13-14 FA Cup semi-finals
13-14 Scottish Cup semi-finals
23-24 Champions League semi-final first legs
25 Europa League semi-final first legs
30-May 1 Champions League semi-final second legs

TENNIS
5-7 Davis Cup: Great Britain v Russia and world group quarter-finals
15-21 Monte Carlo Rolex Masters
20-21 Fed Cup semi-final
22-28 Barcelona Open

TRIATHLON
6-7 Auckland: ITU World Triathlon Series
19-20 San Diego: ITU World Triathlon Series

MAY

ATHLETICS
10 Doha: Diamond League meeting
18 Shanghai: Diamond League meeting
25 New York: Adidas Grand Prix

CRICKET
16-20 Lord's: England v New Zealand, 1st Test
24-28 Headingley: England v New Zealand, 2nd Test
31 Lord's: England v New Zealand, 1st ODI

CYCLING
4-26 Italy: Giro d'Italia

GOLF
2-5 Binhai: Volvo China Open
9-12 Florida: Players Championship
16-19 Bulgaria: Volvo World Match Play Championship
16-19 Madeira Islands Open
23-26 Wentworth: PGA Championship
30-Jun 2 Stockholm: Nordea Masters

MOTOR CYCLING
5 Jerez: Spain MotoGP
6 Oulton Park: British Superbikes
12 Monza: World Superbikes
19 Le Mans: France MotoGP
26 Donington: World Superbikes

MOTOR RACING
5-7 Argentinian Rally
12 Catalunya: Spanish Grand Prix
26 Monte Carlo: Monaco Grand Prix

RACING
4 Newmarket: 2000 Guineas
5 Newmarket: 1000 Guineas
31 Epsom: Oaks

RUGBY LEAGUE
25-26 Manchester: Super League Magic weekend

RUGBY UNION
10-12 RaboDirect Pro12 play-offs
11-12 Aviva Premiership semi-finals
17 Dublin: Amlin Challenge Cup final
18 Dublin: Heineken Cup final
25 Aviva Premiership final
25 RaboDirect PRO12 final

SOCCER
2 Europa League semi-final second legs
11 FA Cup final
15 Amsterdam: Europa League final
18 League 2 play-off final
19 League 1 play-off final
25 Wembley: Champions League final
26 Glasgow: Scottish Cup final
27 Championship play-off final
29 International: England v Republic of Ireland

TENNIS
6-12 Madrid: Mutua Madrid Open
13-19 Rome: Internationali BNL d'Italia
26-Jun 9 Paris: French Open

TRIATHLON
11-12 Yokohama: ITU World Triathlon Series

JUNE

ATHLETICS
1 Eugene: Prefontaine Classic
13 Oslo: Bislett Games
22-23 Gateshead: European Team Championships
30 Birmingham Grand Prix

CRICKET
2 Southampton: England v New Zealand, 2nd ODI
5 Trent Bridge: England v New Zealand, 3rd ODI
6-23 Cardiff, Edgbaston, The Oval: ICC Champions Trophy
25 The Oval: England v New Zealand, 1st T20
27 The Oval: England v New Zealand, 2nd T20

CYCLING
2-9 France: Criterium du Dauphine
8-16 Switzerland: Tour de Suisse
29-Jul 21 Tour de France

GOLF
6-9 Atzenbrugg: Lyoness Open
13-16 Pennsylvania: US Open

ASHES 2013 AT A GLANCE

HOME...

TEST SERIES 2013

July 10-14	Trent Bridge	1st Test
July 18-22	Lord's	2nd Test
Aug 1-5	Old Trafford	3rd Test
Aug 9-13	Chester-le-Street	4th Test
Aug 21-25	The Oval	5th Test

TWENTY20 INTERNATIONALS

Aug 29	Southampton	1st T20
Aug 31	Chester-le-Street	2nd T20

ONE-DAY INTERNATIONALS

Sept 6	Headingley	1st ODI
Sept 8	Old Trafford	2nd ODI
Sept 11	Edgbaston	3rd ODI
Sept 14	Cardiff	4th ODI
Sept 16	Southampton	5th ODI

... & AWAY

TEST SERIES 2013-2014

Nov 21-25	Brisbane	1st Test
Dec 5-9	Adelaide	2nd Test
Dec 13-17	Perth	3rd Test
Dec 26-30	Melbourne	4th Test
Jan 3-7, 2014	Sydney	5th Test

SPORTS CALENDAR 2013

13-16 Omer: Najeti Open
20-23 Munich: BMW International Open
27-30 Maynooth: Irish Open

MOTOR CYCLING

9 Portimao: World Superbikes
16 Barcelona: Catalunya MotoGP
16 Knockhill: British Superbikes
29 Assen: Netherlands MotoGP
30 Imola: World Superbikes

MOTOR RACING

2-4 Greek Rally
9 Montreal: Canadian Grand Prix
23-25 Italian Rally
30 Silverstone: British Grand Prix

RACING

1 Epsom: Derby
18-22 Royal Ascot

RUGBY UNION

1 Hong Kong: Barbarians v Lions
5 Perth: Western Force v Lions
8 Brisbane: Queensland Reds v Lions
12 Newcastle: Combined NSW/Queensland v Lions
15 Sydney: NSW Waratahs v Lions
18 Canberra: ACT Brumbies v Lions
22 Brisbane: Australia v Lions, 1st Test
25 Melbourne: Melbourne Rebels v Lions
29 Melbourne: Australia v Lions, 2nd Test

SOCCER

7 World Cup qualifying: Rep Ireland v Faroe Islands
11 World Cup qualifying matches
15-28 Israel: European Under-21 Championship

TENNIS

10-16 Halle: Gerry Weber Open
10-16 Queen's: Aegon Championships
10-16 Birmingham: Aegon Classic
17-23 Eastbourne: Aegon International
17-23 s'Hertogenbosch: Unicef Open
24-Jul 7 Wimbledon

TRIATHLON

1-2 Madrid: ITU World Triathlon Series

JULY

ATHLETICS

4 Lausanne: Athletissima Lausanne
6 Paris: Areva meeting
12-14 Birmingham: World trials and UK Championships
19 Monaco: Herculis meeting
26 Crystal Palace: Aviva London Grand Prix

CRICKET

10-14 Trent Bridge: England v Australia, 1st Test
18-22 Lord's: England v Australia, 2nd Test

CYCLING

25-28 Auckland: UCI BMX World Championships

GOLF

4-7 Paris: French Open
11-14 Castle Stuart: Scottish Open
18-21 Muirfield: The Open Championship

MOTOR CYCLING

7 Sachsenring: Germany MotoGP
7 Snetterton: British Superbikes
21 Laguna Seca: USA MotoGP
21 Moscow: World Superbikes
21 Brands Hatch: British Superbikes

MOTOR RACING

7 TBC: German Grand Prix
21 TBC: European Grand Prix
28 Budapest: Hungarian Grand Prix

RACING

30-Aug 3 Glorious Goodwood

RUGBY UNION

6 Sydney: Australia v Lions, 3rd Test

SOCCER

10-28 Sweden: Women's European Championship finals

SWIMMING

19-Aug 4 Barcelona: World Championships

TRIATHLON

6-7 Kitzbuhel: ITU World Triathlon Series
20-21 Hamburg: ITU World Triathlon Series

LIONS 2013 AT A GLANCE

June 1	v Barbarians	Hong Kong
June 5	v Western Force	Perth
June 8	v Queensland Reds	Brisbane
June 12	v NSW/Queensland Country	Newcastle
June 15	v NSW Waratahs	Sydney
June 18	v ACT Brumbies v Lions	Canberra
June 22	v AUSTRALIA, 1st TEST	Brisbane
June 25	v Melbourne Rebels	Melbourne
June 29	v AUSTRALIA, 2nd TEST	Melbourne
July 6	v AUSTRALIA, 3rd TEST	Sydney

AUGUST

ATHLETICS

10-18 Moscow: World Championships
23 Stockholm: Galan meeting
29 Zurich: Weltklasse meeting

CRICKET

1-5 Old Trafford: England v Australia, 3rd Test
9-13 Chester-le-Street: England v Australia, 4th Test
13-16 Wormsley: England v Australia women's Test
17 Edgbaston: t20 finals day
20 Lord's: England v Australia, 1st women's ODI
21-25 The Oval: England v Australia, 5th Test
23 Hove: England v Australia, 2nd women's ODI
23 Hove: England v Australia, 3rd women's ODI
27 Chelmsford: England v Australia, 1st women's T20
29 Southampton: England v Australia, 1st T20
29 Southampton: England v Australia, 2nd women's T20
31 Chester-le-Street: England v Australia 2nd T20
31 Chester-le-Street: England v Australia, 3rd women's T20

CYCLING

24-Sep 15 Vuelta a Espana
26-Sep 1 Pietermaritzburg: UCI Cross-country mountain bike World Championships

GOLF

8-11 New York: US PGA Championship
22-25 Gleneagles: Johnnie Walker Championship
29-Sep 1 Newport: Wales Open

HOCKEY

17-25 Antwerp: European Championship

MODERN PENTATHLON

Aug 29-Sep 4 Kaoshiung: World Championships

MOTOR CYCLING

4 Silverstone: World Superbikes
11 Oulton Park: British Superbikes
18 Indianapolis MotoGP
25 Brno: Czech MotoGP
26 Cadwell Park: British Superbikes

MOTOR RACING

4-6 Finnish Rally
25 Spa-Francorchamps: Belgian Grand Prix

RACING

21-24 York: Ebor meeting

ROWING

25-Sep 1 Chungju: World Championships

RUGBY LEAGUE

24 Wembley: Challenge Cup final

SOCCER

10 Start of Football League season
11 Wembley: Community Shield
14 International friendly matches
17 Start of Premier League season

TENNIS

5-11 Toronto/Montreal: Rogers Cup
12-18 Cincinnati: Western & Southern Open
26-Sep 8 New York: US Open

TRIATHLON

24-25 Stockholm: ITU World Triathlon Series

SEPTEMBER

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

29 NFL, Wembley: Vikings v Steelers

ATHLETICS

6 Brussels: Ivo Van Damme Memorial meeting

CRICKET

3 Dublin: Ireland v England ODI
3 Edinburgh: Scotland v Australia ODI
6 Headingley: England v Australia, 1st ODI
8 Old Trafford: England v Australia 2nd ODI
11 Edgbaston: England v Australia 3rd ODI
14 Cardiff: England v Australia 4th ODI
21 Lord's: Clydesdale Bank 40 final
16 Southampton: England v Australia 5th ODI

CYCLING

15-22 Tour of Britain
21-29 Florence: Road Cycling World Championships

GOLF

5-8 Crans Montana: European Masters
12-15 Zandvoort: KLM Open
19-22 Turin: Italian Open
26-29 Alfred Dunhill Links Championship

GYMNASTICS

14-24 Kiev: World Rhythmic Championships
30-Oct 6 Antwerp: World Artistic Championships

MOTOR CYCLING

1 Silverstone: Great Britain MotoGP
1 Nurburgring: World Superbikes
8 Donington Park: British Superbikes
15 Misano: San Marino MotoGP
22 Assen: British Superbikes
29 Aragon MotoGP
29 Laguna Seca: World Superbikes

MOTOR RACING

8 Monza: Italian Grand Prix
15-17 Australian Rally

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RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP

22 Singapore Grand Prix

RACING

14 Doncaster: St Leger

RUGBY LEAGUE

1 Final round of Co-operative Championship
8 Final round of Super League fixtures
29 Championship finals day

SOCCER

6 World Cup qualifying matches
England v Moldova
Macedonia v Wales
Republic of Ireland v Sweden
10 World Cup qualifying matches
Luxembourg v Northern Ireland
Ukraine v England
Wales v Serbia
Austria v Republic of Ireland

TENNIS

13-15 Davis Cup semi-finals
23-29 Tokyo: Toray Pan Pacific Open
30-Oct 6 Beijing: China Open
30-Oct 6 Tokyo: Japan Open

TRIATHLON

11-15 London: ITU World Triathlon Series Grand Final

OCTOBER

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

27 NFL, Wembley: Jaguars v 49ers

CRICKET

31-Nov 2 Perth: Western Australia v England

CYCLING

5 Italy: Giro di Lombardia
9-13 China: Tour of Hangzhou
16-20 China: Tour of Beijing

GOLF

3-6 Ohio: Presidents Cup
17-20 Perth International
24-27 Shanghai: BMW Masters
31-Nov 3 Shanghai: WGC Champions

MOTOR CYCLING

6 Magny Cours: World Superbikes
6 Silverstone: British Superbikes
20 Jerez: World Superbikes
20 Brands Hatch: British Superbikes
13 Sepang: Malaysia MotoGP
20 Phillip Island: Australia MotoGP
27 Motegi: Japan MotoGP

MOTOR RACING

6 Yeongnam: Korean Grand Prix
6-8 French Rally
13 Suzuka: Japanese Grand Prix
27 Delhi: Indian Grand Prix
27-29 Spanish Rally

RACING

19 Ascot: British Champions Day

RUGBY LEAGUE

5 Old Trafford: Super League Grand Final

RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP

26 Cardiff: England v Australia, Wales v Italy
27 Hull: Papua New Guinea v France
27 Warrington: New Zealand v Samoa
28 Rochdale: Fiji v Ireland
29 Workington: Tonga v Scotland
30 Bristol: USA v Cook Islands

SOCCER

11 World Cup qualifying matches:
Azerbaijan v Northern Ireland
England v Montenegro
Wales v Macedonia
Germany v Republic of Ireland
15 World Cup qualifying matches:
England v Poland
Belgium v Wales
Israel v Northern Ireland
Republic of Ireland v Kazakhstan

TENNIS

7-13 Shanghai Rolex Masters
21-27 Basle: Swiss Indoors
22-27 Istanbul: WTA Championships
28-29 Fed Cup final
28-Nov 3 Paris: BNP Paribas Masters

NOVEMBER

CRICKET

6-9 Hobart: Australia A v England
13-16 Sydney: New South Wales XI v England
21-25 Brisbane: Australia v England, 1st Test
29-30 Canberra: Chairman's XI v England

GOLF

14-17 Dubai: World Tour Championship

MOTOR CYCLING

10 Valencia MotoGP

MOTOR RACING

3 Yas Marina: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix
17 Austin: United States Grand Prix
17-19 British Rally
24 Sao Paulo: Brazilian Grand Prix

RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP

1 Avignon: New Zealand v France
2 Huddersfield: England v Ireland
2 St Helens: Australia v Fiji
3 Workington: Scotland v Italy
3 Wrexham: Wales v USA
4 Hull: Papua New Guinea v Samoa
5 Leigh: Tonga v Cook Islands
7 Salford: Scotland v USA
8 Leeds: New Zealand v Papua New Guinea
9 Hull: England v Fiji
9 Limerick: Australia v Ireland
10 Halifax: Tonga v Italy
10 Neath: Wales v Cook Islands
11 Perpignan: France v Samoa
15-17 Wrexham, Wigan, Leeds, Warrington: Quarter-finals
23 Wembley: Semi-finals
30 Old Trafford: World Cup final

RUGBY UNION

2 Twickenham: England v Australia
3 Esher: England Women v France Women
9 Twickenham: England v Argentina
16 Twickenham: England v New Zealand
23 Esher: England Women v New Zealand Women
27 Aldershot: England Women v New Zealand Women

SOCCER

15 World Cup qualifying play-offs
19 World Cup qualifying play-offs

TENNIS

2-3 Fed Cup final
4-11 London: ATP Tour finals
15-17 Davis Cup final

DECEMBER

CRICKET

5-9 Adelaide: Australia v England, 2nd Test
13-17 Perth: Australia v England, 3rd Test
26-30 Melbourne: Australia v England, 4th Test

RACING

26 Kempton: King George VI Chase
28 Chepstow: Welsh National

SNOOKER

7-15 York: UK Championship

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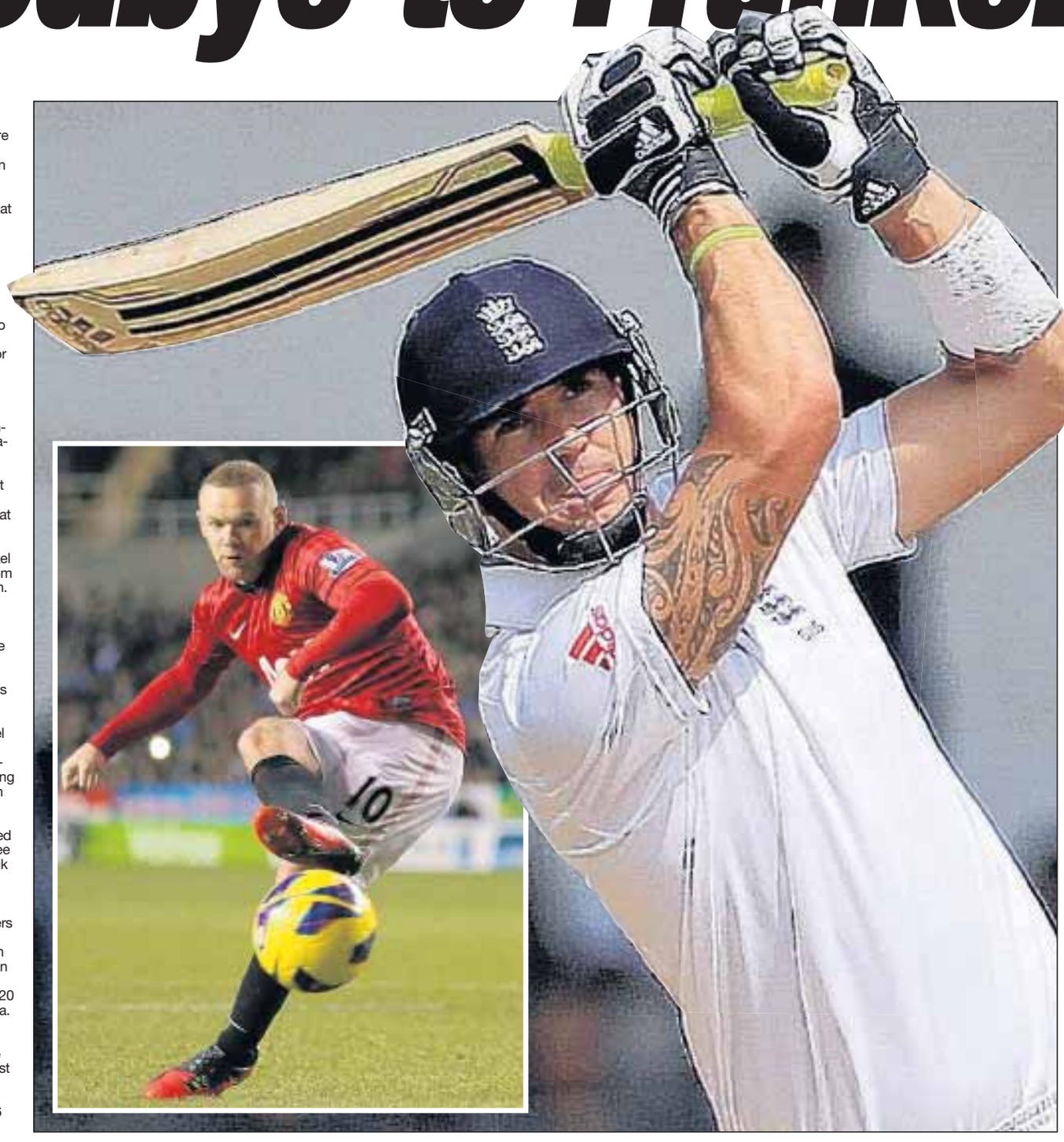
Goodbye to Frankel



OCTOBER

1. Defending champions England were knocked out of the World Twenty20, losing by 19 runs to hosts Sri Lanka in their Super Eight match in Pallekele.

Wigan full-back Sam Tomkins was crowned Super League Man of Steel at an awards ceremony in Manchester.

2. Chelsea beat Champions League Group E rivals Nordsjaelland 4-0. Georgios Samaras' last-gasp header gave Celtic a dramatic 3-2 Group G victory over Spartak Moscow.

Australia suffered a 32-run defeat to Pakistan in their final Super Eights match but both teams still qualified for the semi-finals of the ICC World Twenty20. India failed to progress.

3. The England and Wales Cricket Board and Kevin Pietersen jointly confirmed an agreement for his re-integration into the England side.

A late penalty from Mario Balotelli earned Manchester City a 1-1 draw at home to Borussia Dortmund in the Champions League clash. Arsenal beat Olympiacos 3-1.

4. Seven-time world champion Michael Schumacher confirmed retirement from Formula One at the end of the season.

Liverpool lost 3-2 at home to Udinese, Tottenham drew 1-1 at Panathinaikos and Newcastle overcame Bordeaux 3-0 in Europa League group second round matches.

5. John Terry's defence against claims he racially abused Anton Ferdinand was ''improbable, implausible, contrived'', the Football Association panel which found him guilty confirmed.

Chris Gayle and Kieron Pollard produced a superb display of power hitting as West Indies beat Australia to reach the final of the World Twenty20.

6. Bolton striker Marvin Sordell claimed on Twitter that he and team-mates Lee Chung-yong, Darren Pratley and Benik Afobe were subjected to racist abuse during their match at Millwall.

7. Manchester United were 3-0 winners over Newcastle, Liverpool drew 0-0 with Stoke and Tottenham beat Aston Villa as Brad Friedel's 310-game run in the Premier League was halted.

West Indies won the World Twenty20 with a 36-run win over hosts Sri Lanka.

8. The 2015 World Cup tournament organisers England Rugby 2015 have confirmed the Olympic Stadium in east London is on the list of 17 venues.

Usain Bolt revealed plans to defend his Olympic sprint titles in Rio in 2016 and not switch disciplines.

9. The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge officially opened England's new National Football Centre at St George's Park, Burton. Owen Coyle was sacked as Bolton manager.

10. The United States Anti-Doping Agency revealed that 11 of Lance Armstrong's former team-mates had testified against him.

Former FA chairman Lord Triesman claimed John Terry's four-match ban for racist abuse was too lenient.

11. Wayne Rooney was named captain for England's World Cup qualifier against San Marino.

England defender Ashley Cole admitted a Football Association charge in relation to a Twitter comment which was improper and/or brought the game into disrepute.

12. Wayne Rooney became England's fifth highest scorer with two goals as Roy Hodgson's side beat San Marino 5-0 in a World Cup qualifier. Wales scored a 2-1 win over Scotland, Republic of Ireland losing 6-1 to Germany.

Justin Rose beat Ryder Cup team-mate Lee Westwood for the second time in three days to win the Turkish Airlines World Golf Final.

13. Theo Walcott was ruled out of England's World Cup qualifier in Poland due to a chest injury.

David Price retained his British and Commonwealth titles with a brutal first-round knockout of Audley Harrison.

14. Sebastian Vettel survived a late tyre scare to move back to the top of the Formula One drivers' championship with a dominant victory in Korea.

Heather Watson became the first Briton to win a WTA Tour singles title in 24 years in the HP Open in Osaka.

Novak Djokovic gained revenge for his US Open final defeat by Andy Murray with a thrilling 5-7 7-6 (13/11) 6-

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– but Kev is back!

3 victory in the Shanghai Masters.

15. Cricket South Africa accepted an apology from England and Wales Cricket Board chief executive David Collier over comments he made regarding the involvement of South African players in the Kevin Pietersen text row.

Paula Radcliffe was removed from the World Class Performance Programme which meant the withdrawal of her National Lottery funding.

Liverpool confirmed their preference is to remain at Anfield and not build a new stadium in Stanley Park.

16. The Football Association reported a incidents of racism to UEFA after the England Under-21 Euro 2013 qualification match in Serbia.

17. England's rearranged World Cup qualifier against Poland in Warsaw ended 1-1, Wayne Rooney scoring for England.

18. Kevin Pietersen was added to England's Test squad for the India tour.

Chelsea's Ashley Cole was fined £90,000 after he admitted an FA charge concerning a Twitter comment.

19. Sheffield Wednesday goalkeeper Chris Kirkland was attacked by a fan during the 1-1 npower Championship draw with Yorkshire rivals Leeds.

20. Frankel, trained by Sir Henry Cecil and ridden by Tom Queally, won the Qipco Champion Stakes at Ascot in the 14th – and final – victory of his unbeaten career.

Chelsea beat Tottenham, led by former Blues boss Andre Villas-Boas, 4-2 in the Barclays Premier League.

21. Demba Ba's late own goal salvaged a point for Sunderland in a 1-1 draw with Newcastle at the Stadium of Light.

Godolphin confirmed they would not retain jockey Frankie Dettori next year.

22. Cycling's world governing body, the UCI, confirmed it had ratified the United States Anti-Doping Agency's decision to ban Lance Armstrong for life and to strip him of his Tour de France titles.

The Leeds fan who attacked Sheffield Wednesday goalkeeper Chris Kirkland was jailed for 16 weeks.

23. Manchester United came from 2-0 down to beat Braga 3-2 in the Champions League.

Chelsea lost 2-1 to Shakhtar Donetsk despite Oscar's late goal and Celtic led Barcelona in the Nou Camp before going down 2-1.

24. Manchester City and Arsenal both suffered damaging Champions League defeats. City were beaten 3-1 by Ajax, the Gunners lost 2-0 to Schalke.

Padraig Harrington stormed to a £375,000 victory in the PGA Grand Slam of Golf in Bermuda.

25. Emanuel Steward, one of the most successful boxing trainers of all-time, died at the age of 68.

Serbia players Nikola Ninkovic and Ognjen Mudrinski were suspended from playing in all national teams for a year after incidents at the Under-21 international against England.

26. The International Cycling Union decided not to upgrade results in races affected by the Lance Armstrong doping affair, leaving the tour without an official winner between 1999 and 2005.

27. Mikel Arteta's late goal gave Arsenal a much-needed 1-0 win over struggling QPR at the Emirates.

Wigan winger Josh Charnley grabbed four tries on his international debut as England hammered Wales 80-12.

28. Manchester United striker Javier Hernandez scored a late winner to beat nine-man Chelsea 3-2 in a controversial match at Stamford Bridge.

Sebastian Vettel moved 13 points clear in the Formula One title race with victory at the Indian Grand Prix.

29. Swede Peter Eriksson was named Olympic head coach by UK Athletics.

The Football Association began an investigation relating to allegations made by Chelsea against referee Mark Clattenburg following the controversial match against Manchester United.

30. Arsenal battled back from 4-0 down to claim a barely believable 7-5 extra-time win over Reading in the fourth round of the Capital One Cup.

31. Paul Nicholls announced Cheltenham Gold Cup winner and five-time King George VI Chase hero Kauto Star was retired.

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Big Ben calls time –

NOVEMBER

1. South Africa Test captain Graeme Smith was named Surrey skipper in a three-year deal with the LV_ County Championship first division club.

2. The World Anti-Doping Agency announced it would not appeal the decision of the United States Anti-Doping Agency to ban Lance Armstrong from cycling for life and strip him of his seven Tour de France titles.

3. Manchester United went top of the Barclays Premier League with a 2-1 win over Arsenal.

Sebastian Vettel was relegated to the back of the grid for the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, having qualified third fastest, after a fuel irregularity forced him to stop his car on his in-lap.

Surrey pace bowler Stuart Meaker was called up to the England squad touring India.

4. The Premier League produced two 1-1 draws, QPR v Reading and Liverpool v Newcastle.

Kimi Raikkonen won the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. Lewis Hamilton had led, but had to retire in front.

A seven-under-par 65 from Ian Poulter helped him win the HSBC Champions at Mission Hills.

5. Craig Levein was relieved of his duties as Scotland manager.

6. Manchester City were all but eliminated from the Champions League despite a stirring fightback against Ajax to draw 2-2, Arsenal pegged back to the same scoreline against Schalke.

Alex McLeish ruled himself out of the running to return to the Scotland manager's job but threw his weight behind the appointment of Gordon Strachan.

7. Celtic stunned Barcelona with a 2-1 Champions League victory at Parkhead, Chelsea needed a late winner from substitute Victor Moses to finally see off Shakhtar Donetsk 3-2, Manchester United scored three late goals to beat Braga 3-1.

Sebastian Coe was elected new chairman of the British Olympic Association.

Hearts warned fans the club might not survive until the end of the month after being hit with a winding-up order.

8. In the Europa League, Tottenham beat Maribor 3-1, Liverpool lost 1-0 to Anzhi Makhachkala and Newcastle drew 2-2 with Club Brugge.

Tour de France winner and Olympic gold medallist Bradley Wiggins was released from hospital after treatment for injuries in a collision with a van.

9. Andy Murray moved safely through to the semi-finals of the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals in London with a 6-2 7-6 (7/3) win over Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

Chelsea announced a profit of £1.4 million for the year ended June 30, 2012.

10. Charlie Sharples scored his first two Test tries as England posted a record 54-12 victory over Fiji at Twickenham.

Second-half tries from wings Juan Imhoff and Gonzalo Camacho saw Argentina inflict a surprise 26-12 defeat on RBS 6 Nations champions Wales.

Manchester United came from two goals down to beat Aston Villa 3-2 and move four points clear in the table.

11. John Terry scored but then suffered a serious knee injury on his return from a four-match domestic ban for racism, as Liverpool earned a draw.

Manchester City came from behind to beat Tottenham 2-1 thanks to super-sub Edin Dzeko, Kevin Nolan earned West Ham a 1-0 win over Newcastle.

12. It was announced Mark Clattenburg would not be officiating for the third weekend as the probe into allegations by Chelsea were investigated.

13. Frankie Dettori was told to face a France Galop inquiry after a 'positive test' at Longchamp in September, the rider's legal representative revealed.

A police investigation into alleged comments by referee Mark Clattenbergwas dropped due to a lack of evidence, Scotland Yard said.

14. Zlatan Ibrahimovic scored four goals as Sweden beat England 4-2.

Northern Ireland's World Cup qualifying campaign suffered a blow despite David Healy securing a last-gasp 1-1 draw against minnows Azerbaijan.

15. The Rugby Football League banned Tom Morgan, of South Wales Scorpions, for six matches for racially abusing an opponent.

16. Former England captain David

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on four gold medals

Beckham said via a spokesman he had ''absolutely no plans'' to play in Australia after the country's federation said he had approached them.

Chelsea captain John Terry was ruled out for three months with a knee injury.

17. Manchester United suffered a shock 1-0 loss away to Norwich in the Barclays Premier League.

England lost 20-14 to Australia in their QBE autumn international.

Carl Froch retained his IBF super-middleweight title against Yusaf Mack in Nottingham.

18. Olympic and world cycling champion Laura Trott won the women's omnium on the final day to make it two gold medals at the Track World Cup at the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome in Glasgow.

Lewis Hamilton won the US Grand Prix in Austin as Sebastian Vettel finished second ahead of Fernando Alonso. Vettel stretched his championship lead over Alonso to 13 points.

19. England lost the First of their four Test against India by nine wickets in Ahmedabad despite a courageous 176 from captain Alastair Cook.

Saints midfielder James Ward-Prowse signed a new five-year contract with the Barclays Premier League club.

20. Chelsea are on brink of elimination from the Champions League after losing 3-0 at Juventus. Already-qualified Manchester United lost 1-0 at Galatasaray.

21. Chelsea part company with manager Roberto Di Matteo with Rafael Benitez named interim first-team manager until end of the season.

Manchester City knocked out of the Champions League after drawing 1-1 with Real Madrid. Arsenal qualify for knockout stages with a 2-0 victory over Montpellier at the Emirates Stadium.

22. The Football Association confirmed that Mark Clattenburg would face no disciplinary action following an investigation into a complaint from Chelsea that he racially abused John Obi Mikel.

Newcastle reached reached the Europa League knockout stage with a 1-1 draw against Maritimo.

23. Mark Hughes sacked as manager of QPR. Harry Redknapp later confirmed a deal was all but done for him to take over at the club.

Brazil sacked coach Mano Menezes.

Italian FA president Giancarlo Abete sent an official letter to FA chairman David Bernstein to condemn the ''disgraceful attack'' on Tottenham fans.

24. Ricky Hatton's fairytale return to the ring ended in defeat as the Manchester folk hero was knocked out byVyacheslav Senchenko.

England lost 16-15 to South Africa in their QBE international at Twickenham.

25. Red Bull's Sebastian Vettel claimed a third consecutive world drivers' championship with his drive to sixth place in the Brazilian Grand Prix. The German finished three points ahead of Ferrari's Fernando Alonso, who finished second at the final race of the season behind McLaren's Jenson Button.

26. England completed a 10-wicket victory over India in the second Test in Mumbai to level the four-match series at 1-1. Kevin Pietersen scored 186 in the first innings.

West Ham issued a life ban to a season-ticket holder who was cautioned by police following anti-semitic chanting.

27. British sailor champion Ben Ainslie called time on his Olympic career with four gold medals.

Harry Redknapp's first game in charge of QPR ended in a goalless draw at Sunderland.

28. Former Test bowler Ashley Giles appointed England's limited-overs head coach as Andy Flower reduced his role with the national team

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1. England's young men came of age at Twickenham with a sensational record-breaking 38-21 victory over world champions New Zealand.

3. England were drawn with Wales and Australia in Pool A for the 2015 Rugby Union World Cup. Scotland drew Samoa and South Africa in Pool B, while Ireland were drawn with Italy and France in Pool D.

4. Rory McIlroy was named PGA Tour Player of the Year.

5. Chelsea became the first defending Champions League winners to bow out at the group stage despite a 6-1 home win over FC Nordsjaelland.

Frankie Dettori was suspended from riding for six months after being found guilty of taking a prohibited substance.

6. Alastair Cook completed his 23rd Test century – a record for an England batsman – in the third Test against India in Kolkata.

UEFA announced it will stage Euro 2012 in up to 13 cities across the continent.

7. Shaun Murphy staged one of snooker's great fightbacks, battling from 8-4 down to beat Ali Carter in their best-of-17 semi-final of the williamhill.com UK Championship at York's Barbican Centre.

8. Fernando Torres scored twice to hand Rafael Benitez a first Barclays Premier League victory as Chelsea manager as he ended his personal drought with a 3-1 success at Sunderland.

9. Barcelona forward Lionel Messi scored twice against Real Betis to break Gerd Muller's record of 85 goals in the same calendar year, which was set in 1972.

The Football Association opened an investigation into an incident at the end of Manchester United's 3-2 win at derby rivals City when an object was thrown from the crowd and hit Rio Ferdinand.

Mark Selby won the williamhill.com UK Championship, beating Shaun Murphy 10-6 in the final at York's Barbican Centre.

11. Bradford knocked Arsenal out of the Capital One Cup at the quarter-final stage, beating a full-strength Gunners 3-2 on penalties.

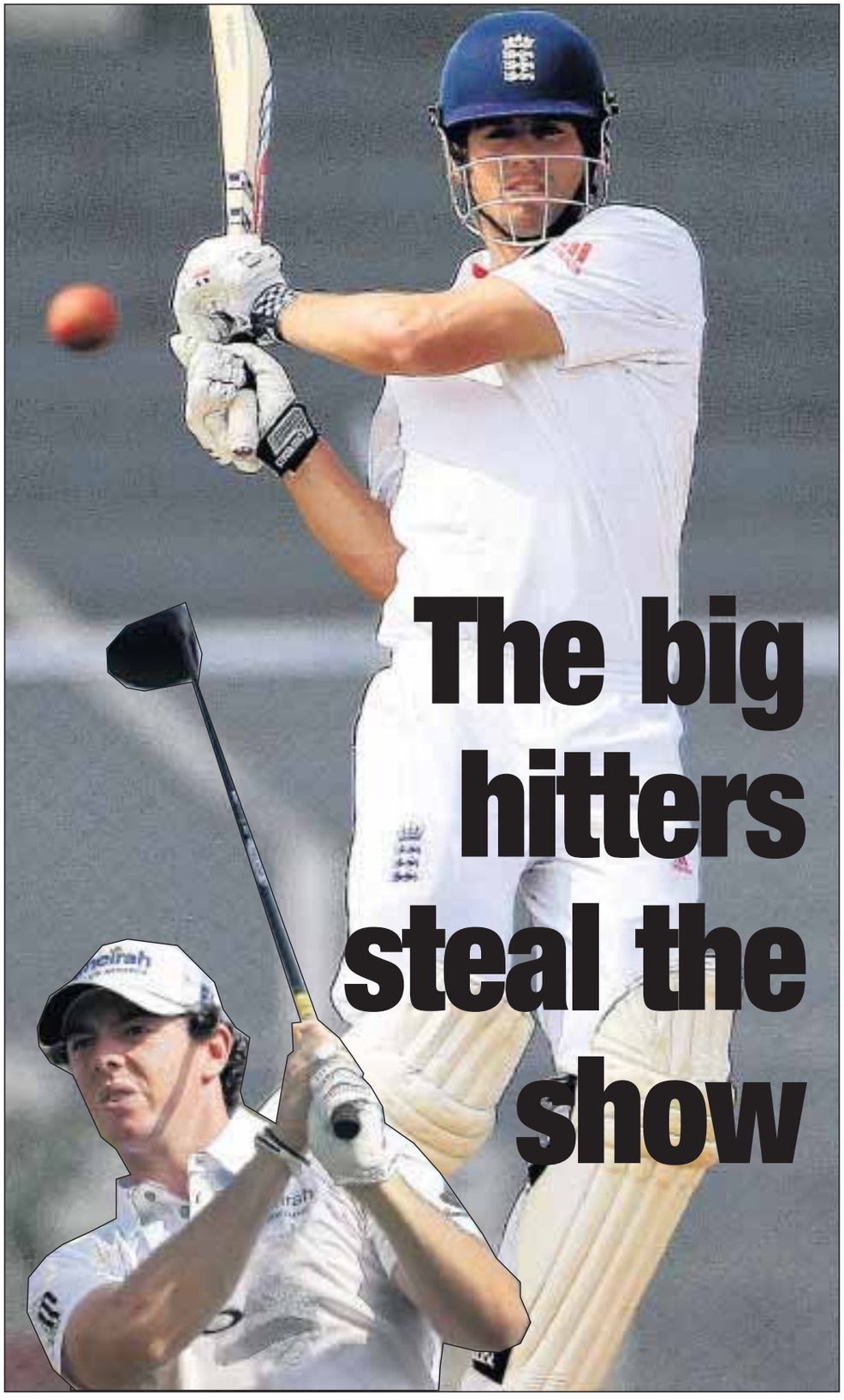
12. Bradford were reinstated into the FA Cup following an appeal against their expulsion for fielding an ineligible player, the Football Association has announced.

England coaches Andy Farrell and Graham Rowntree, along with Rob Howley of Wales, were named assistant coaches for the British and Irish Lions tour to Australia next summer.

13. Tom Watson was named as United States captain for the 2014 Ryder Cup at Gleneagles. At 63 Watson would be the oldest captain in the competition's history.

Serbia's Under-21s were ordered to play their next match behind closed doors and the Serbian Football Association fined 80,000 euros (£65,000) following the 'improper conduct of their supporters' during and at the end of the European Championship qualifier against England in October.

Joe Root made his Test debut against India as England looked to defend their 2-1 series lead in Nagpur.



The big hitters steal the show

14. Yorkshire will host the start of the Tour de France in 2014, race organisers confirmed.

UEFA president Michel Platini was set to appeal in an attempt to increase the punishment imposed on Serbia for racist abuse and violence towards England Under-21 players.

15. Manchester United maintained their six-point lead at the top of the Barclays Premier League with a 3-1 win over Sunderland at Old Trafford, after champions Manchester City had won by the same scoreline at Newcastle in the lunchtime kick-off.

QPR finally won a league game at the 17th time of asking, overcoming London rivals Fulham 2-1 to move off the bottom of the table.

16. Chelsea were beaten 1-0 by South American champions Corinthians in the Club World Cup final in Yokohama.

Tour de France and Olympic champion Bradley Wiggins won the BBC Sports Personality of the Year award. Jessica Ennis was second, with Andy Murray in third place.

Amir Khan defeated Carlos Molina with a knockout in their light-welterweight bout in Los Angeles.

17. England won a Test series in India for the first time since 1985 after drawing in the final Test in Nagpur sealed a 2-1 victory.

18. Lionel Messi agreed a new contract with Barcelona until 2018.

UK Sport has announced an 11% increase in funding for Olympic and Paralympic sports until 2016, with cuts to swimming and basketball among others.

Marussia F1 announced that Britain's Max Chilton would drive for the team in 2013.

19. Relatives of Hillsborough victims won a new inquest into their deaths on the day a new police inquiry into the disaster was also announced.

Former Scotland manager Craig Levein opened legal proceedings against the Scottish Football Association following his sacking on November 5 following a disappointing start to the World Cup qualifying campaign.

20. Manchester United were drawn against Real Madrid in the last 16 of the Champions League, Arsenal were paired with Bayern Munich and Celtic would be Juventus' opponents.

England lost the first of their two Twenty20 internationals against India in Pune by five wickets.

21. Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson rejected claims that Paul Scholes had decided to retire at the end of the season.

22. Gareth Barry scored a injury-time winner as Manchester City beat Reading 1-0 to close the gap on Barclays Premier League leaders Manchester United to three points.

Eoin Morgan hit a six off the final ball as England secured a draw in the two-match Twenty20 series against India with a six-wicket victory in Mumbai.

23. Manchester United entered Christmas four point clear at the top of the Premier League following a 1-1 draw at Swansea. Sir Alex Ferguson said Robin van Persie 'could have been killed' after accusing Swansea defender Ashley Williams of deliberately kicking a ball at the Dutchman's head from close range during the game.

Chelsea beat Aston Villa 8-0 at Stamford Bridge.

The *Sunday Times* announced they would be sueing Lance Armstrong.

Sachin Tendulkar retired from one-day international cricket.

26. Manchester United move seven points clear at top of Barclays Premier League with 4-3 win over Newcastle while second-placed neighbours City lost 1-0 at Sunderland.

Nottingham Forest sack manager Sean O'Driscoll just hours after a 4-2 home win over Leeds left the club one point adrift of the npower Championship play-off places.

27. Blackburn sacked manager Henning Berg after only ten matches and 57 days in charge at Ewood Park.

Former Birmingham and Aston Villa boss Alex McLeish replaced Sean O'Driscoll as manager of Nottingham Forest.

Michael Clarke became Australia's highest ever run scorer in a calendar year after hitting 106 on day two of the second Test against Sri Lanka in Melbourne.

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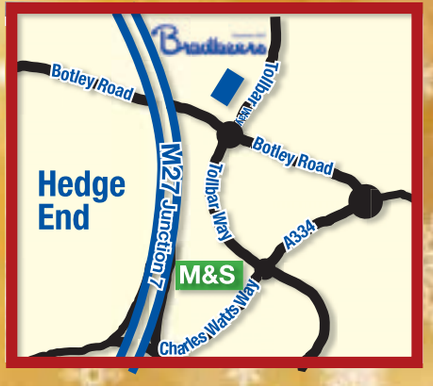

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20 magic moments

AS a remarkable year of sport draws to a close, the *Sports Pink* picks out 20 moments to treasure from the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

GYMNASTIC CONFUSION
Britain's men's team went into the Olympics as outsiders for a medal and put together a stunning performance. The drama was enhanced when it looked like they had got silver before a Japanese appeal relegated them to bronze. But it was a landmark achievement and was added to by individual medals for Louis Smith, Max Whitlock and Beth Tweddle.

BRAZIL UPSTAGED
The new Wembley has not had many nights like this. More than 70,000 fans cheered Britain's women footballers on in their group game against Brazil, and Steph Houghton's early goal was enough to hand them a memorable victory.

BRITAIN STRIKES GOLD
The hosts had begun to fret after four days without a gold medal and the eyes of a nation were on Helen Glover and Heather Stanning, who were hot favourites to win the women's pair on Eton Dorney's rowing lake. They did not disappoint, becoming the first women to win rowing gold for Britain.

WIGGINS IS CROWNED KING
Bradley Wiggins' Tour de France victory had made him British sport's golden boy and he was cheered on by hundreds of thousands of people as he romped to victory in the road race at Hampton Court. That the former track champion ended up sat on a golden throne was somehow apt, if rather incongruous.

A LONG-AWAITED GOLD
Nobody wanted gold more at London 2012 than rower Katherine Grainger, above. After four silvers, the Scot and partner Anna Watkins went into the Games as hot favourites in the women's double scull, and this time it was gold. The rowing lake brought some of the most emotional moments of the Games, from a surprise gold for Kat Copeland and Sophie Hosking to the despair of Mark Hunter and Zac Purchase after they could only manage silver.

SUPER SATURDAY
British athletics has never known a night like it. Jessica Ennis' 800 metres was a victory procession on her way to heptathlon gold, but victory in the long jump for Greg Rutherford was an unexpected bonus. Mo Farah then capped the night with a stunning run to gold in the 10,000m as the Olympic Stadium roared him home. An 'I was there' moment.

AINSLIE RULES THE WAVES
Ben Ainslie became the most successful Olympic sailor in history with a fourth gold, but it was far from straightforward as he fought back from well down the field to pip Dane Jonas Hogh-Christensen in the final race. Weymouth hailed its hero as Ainslie stood astride his boat 'Rita' holding two flares aloft.

MURRAY CENTRE STAGE
Andy Murray finally won a nation's hearts with his tearful speech after losing the Wimbledon final to Roger Federer, and four weeks later he gained revenge in the best possible fashion by beating the Swiss to Olympic gold. Centre Court was swept up in the patriotic fervour and Murray then added a silver in the mixed doubles with Laura Robson.

JUMPING FOR JOY
The equestrian equivalent of a penalty shoot-out stood between Britain and a first show jumping gold for 60 years. They would not have been fancied against Holland in football but on horses the hosts prevailed in one of the tensest moments of the Games.

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IT was six weeks which changed lives and perceptions.

It brought 29 gold medals and 65 medals in all for Great Britain at the London Olympics and a further 34 golds and 120 medals in total at the Paralympics, ***writes FRANK MALLEY.***

It was the summer which illustrated the power of sport.

From the radiant smiles of London 2012 poster-girl Jessica Ennis and Paralympic swimmer Ellie Simmonds, whose images adorned London buses and entire sides of apartment buildings, to the sight of the Union flag raised time and time again to record another mercurial home triumph.

It was the summer which made us gasp and chuckle.

Gasp at a quirky and humorous Olympic Opening Ceremony, which featured the Queen, the real live Her Majesty, in a James Bond sketch with actor Daniel Craig.

And chuckle at 'Mr Bean', otherwise known as actor Rowan Atkinson, and his impromptu cameo as a pianist with the London Symphony Orchestra.

It was the summer played out to the backdrop of roars detonating the length and breadth of the land heralding feats which enthralled and entertained in equal measure.

But do you know what was best of all about the summer of 2012?

Viewed as one

For the first time on an international scale sports fans did not appear to differentiate between the Olympics and the Paralympics.

They were viewed as one, with the same passion from spectators who really did seem to get that it was about ability, not disability.

So the feats of David Weir, who won four wheelchair golds, were celebrated just as fervently as Mo Farah's historic double Olympic gold in the 5,000 metres and 10,000m.

The gold of Jonnie Peacock, the 19-year-old blade runner from Cambridge who took on and blitzed Oscar Pistorius in the Paralympics 100m, was heralded in much the same manner as the London Olympic crowd saluted the great Usain Bolt, a man who professed himself to be "a living legend" after successfully defending his titles in the 100m, 200m and sprint relay.

In the thrilling yellow vest of Jamaica, Bolt was the unmissable international story at the London Olympics.

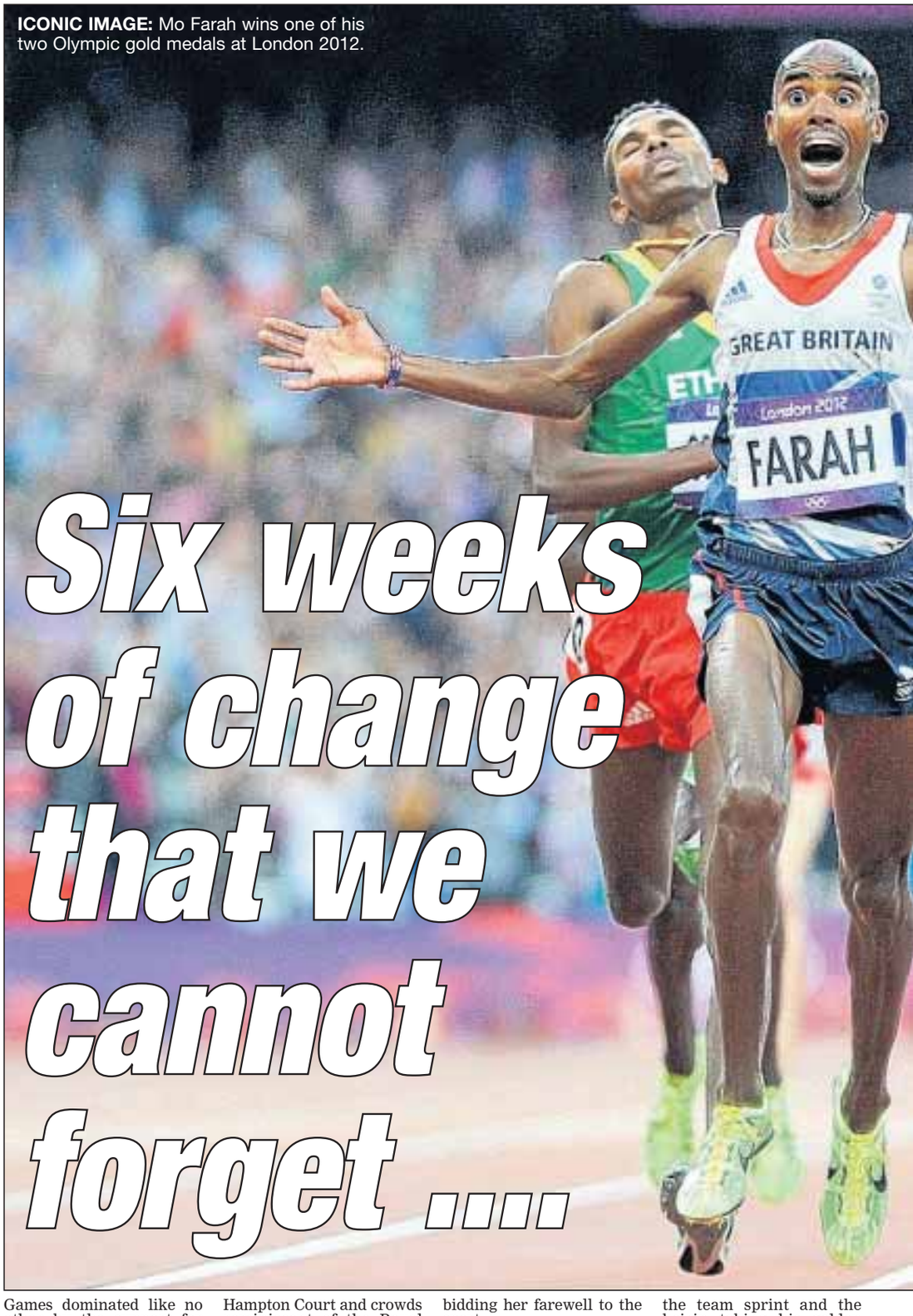
But, in truth, they were a Games dominated like no other by the support for home talent.

There was Bradley Wiggins, fresh from becoming the first British winner of the Tour de France, taking gold in the cycling time trial amid the splendour of Hampton Court and crowds reminiscent of the Royal Wedding.

There was the delirium of the velodrome which rocked as Jason Kenny and Laura Trott won double gold and Victoria Pendleton won gold and silver before bidding her farewell to the sport.

There was also the touching sight of Sir Chris Hoy embracing Sir Steven Redgrave after having surpassed him as Britain's greatest Olympian, the cycle king's two victories in the team sprint and the keirin taking his golden tally to six over four Games.

Not that Hoy or Redgrave could touch the achievements of Paralympic cyclist Sarah Storey, who added four gold cycling medals in London to the two she won



ICONIC IMAGE: Mo Farah wins one of his two Olympic gold medals at London 2012.

Six weeks of change that we cannot forget ....

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in Beijing, all after having gained five golds, eight silvers and three bronzes as a swimmer in previous Paralympics.

But if Storey was the epitome of quality and endurance then London 2012 was resplendent with sporting heroes.

None perhaps as understated as Kenya's David Rudisha, who set a stunning world record of one minute 40.91 seconds in the 800m final, running from the front, in a race which pushed the frontiers of the discipline and which Lord Sebastian Coe, Games organiser and a former record holder at the distance, described as "unbelievable".

But it was not just the athletes at the Olympics and Paralympics who deserved a medal.

It was the volunteers, all 70,000 of them, whose enthusiasm oiled the gargantuan service vehicle which kept the Games rolling.

Security fears proved groundless, mainly due to the sterling service of Britain's professional soldiers who made light of the personnel shambles caused by security firm G4S. Transport also coped admirably.

Not that everything was wonderful. London 2012 organisers were forced to apologise to the North Korean Olympic team after the South Korea flag was flown at their opening women's football match against Colombia.

Badminton non-tryers, two from China, four from South Korea and two from Indonesia, besmirched the Olympic ideal and were summarily disqualified.

That was embarrassing and the location of the Olympic cauldron, at pitch level in the stadium, was a mistake, depriving all but those with stadium tickets a view.

But they were incidentals compared to the myriad of highlights.

There was Felix Sanchez of the Dominican Republic winning the 400m hurdles and sobbing like a baby on the podium.

There was Michael Phelps, at first seemingly vulnerable when he came fourth and second before normal service was resumed, the American taking four golds and two silvers to overtake Russian gymnast Larisa Latynina as the most decorated Olympian in history with 22 medals, 18 of them gold.

Packed venues

It is a record which could last a century.

But the mind keeps returning to that tidal wave of British success, splashing the feelgood factor around an Olympic and Paralympic Park which heaved with packed venues night after night.

All successful Games need the home factor and it is doubtful whether any Games in history have embraced it quite as passionately as London 2012 with a British team ruled by girl power in a Games where every sport and country were represented by women for the first time in history.

Among them, to name but a few, Ennis, Trott, Simmonds, Katherine Grainger and Nicola Adams, the latter who won the first women's Olympic gold medal in boxing history with magnificent exuberance because "I want to make my mum proud of me".

She certainly did that.

They all did that.

What's more, they made all those who witnessed them in their finest hour proud to be British.

From facing page

A FAMILY AFFAIR
Britain had never won an Olympic medal in triathlon prior to London. On August 7 they won two, with both medallists members of the same family. Alistair Brownlee justified his favourite's tag to win gold in Hyde Park and younger brother Jonny took bronze. They were the first siblings to win medals in the same individual event for Britain in more than a century.

BRITAIN UNBEATABLE
So successful had Britain's cyclists been in Beijing that a repeat seemed impossible. Instead they did even better. Of ten events on the track, Britain won seven, and they would have won medals in every event had it not been for a disqualification. Laura Trott and Jason Kenny became double Olympic champions, while Victoria Pendleton bowed out of the sport with a second gold.

A NIGHT OF KNIGHTS

Sir Chris Hoy, right, produced a superb finish to win gold in the keirin – his sixth Olympic title. That took him past Sir Steve Redgrave, who was at the Velodrome and congratulated the man who can now claim to be Britain's greatest Olympian. Hoy sobbed on the podium as he bade the Games a golden farewell.

ADAMS PUNCHES ABOVE WEIGHT
Britain won three gold medals in boxing but it was flyweight Nicola Adams who made the biggest impact by winning the first ever Olympic gold medal in women's boxing.

FARAH AT THE DOUBLE
Only six men had ever won the long-distance double at the Olympics before London, and it is unlikely any of the others were roared on like Farah, who brought the Olympic Stadium to its feet for a second time by adding 5,000m gold to his 10,000m title before celebrating with Usain Bolt.

SIMMONDS SIZZLES
Ellie Simmonds was the poster girl of the Paralympics after her two golds as a 13-year-old in Beijing and she did not disappoint in London, winning two more titles, including retaining her S6 400m freestyle crown, beating the world record by more than five seconds.

GREENWICH GLORY
Sophie Christiansen's beaming smile lit up Greenwich Park this summer and never was it broader than when she dominated the individual freestyle dressage test to win her third gold medal of the Games.

A GOLDEN STOREY
Sarah Storey, right, was very close to earning a place in the Olympic team and she was peerless at the Paralympics, winning four gold medals, the last of them in the C4-5 road race. Storey won her first gold as a 14-year-old swimmer in 1992 and with her 11th joined Tanni Grey-Thompson as Britain's most successful female Paralympian.

COCKROFT AT THE DOUBLE
Hannah Cockroft had already won gold in the 100m in the T34 category and over 200m she was untouchable, punching the air as she crossed the line to win by two seconds.

HERE'S JONNIE
Teenager Jonnie Peacock provided one of the most memorable moments at the Olympic Stadium this summer as he cast Paralympic star Oscar Pistorius firmly into the shade with a brilliant run to win 100m T44 gold.

WEIR'S CLEAN SWEEP
David Weir had already won three gold medals in the Olympic Stadium in the T54 800m, 1500m and 5,000m, and he added a glorious fourth in front of thousands of people on The Mall in the marathon to crown a perfect Paralympic campaign.

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The end of Team GB?

TO British eyes, football within the Olympics has always seemed an illogical fit, *writes SIMON STONE.*

There is a good reason for this.

Within FIFA, there are four nations; England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The rivalry is so long established they played against each other in an annual tournament for a century from 1884.

The idea of them all combining to form one team just didn't seem right – and that is without all the politics that inevitably cloud debates about such issues.

Yet, from Old Trafford to Wembley, Cardiff to Coventry, Team GB generated a groundswell of support that should at least have allowed a debate over the concept.

As boss Stuart Pearce, ridiculously it seemed at the time, rightly claimed, it opened top level football up to a new audience, even if the eventual outcome, defeat in the quarter-final on penalties, was depressingly familiar.

OLYMPIC DREAM: Saints midfielder Jack Cork in action for Team GB during London 2012.

Given the chances of a World Cup being held on these Isles anytime soon are almost non-existent and Michel Platini is debating whether to scrap the present format for hosting European Championships, in men's terms, it was as big a tournament as this country is ever likely to see for some considerable time.

In Neymar alone, the tournament had a true world star and the fact it will be held in Brazil four years from now just gives it more credability.

Yet barely had Ryan Giggs breathed his last breath in a major tournament than the Football Association were ruling out the prospect of it ever happening again.

In the men's game, this is a shame but understandable.

Given the fractious relationships involved, it was the only realistic stance to take.

The entire issue is so fraught with difficulty, chances are the suits will bury their heads and keep their fingers crossed it never becomes an issue again.

Which really, is not much of an Olympic legacy at all.

BRADLEY WAS

This year, in sporting terms, was as good as it will ever get

WHERE do you start to tell the remarkable story of arguably the greatest-ever year in British sport?

The grounds of Hampton Court Palace, perhaps, where on August 1 Bradley Wiggins secured Olympic gold in the cycling time trial just 10 days after becoming the first Briton to win the Tour de France, the race generally regarded as the most gruelling in sport, ***writes FRANK MALLEY.***

After Wiggins had received his medal and saluted his adoring fans on a sun-splashed afternoon he took a lingering look at the magnificent palace where heads used to roll under the reign of Henry V111 and was gripped by sadness.

"There is almost slight melancholy," he admitted.

"I realised on the podium that that is it for me. I don't think anything is going to top that. To win the Tour and then win Olympic gold in London at 32. I'll look back in 10, 15 years and think that was as good as it got."

For so many sportsmen and women, 2012 truly was as good as sport gets.

Such as Andy Murray who won silver and gold at the Olympics following his loss to Roger Federer in the Wimbledon final and then went on to rewrite 76 years of tennis history by becoming the first British man since Fred Perry in 1936 to win a Grand Slam singles title when he beat Novak Djokovic in five dramatic sets at the US Open.

In any other year Murray would be the undisputed king of British sport.

In 2012 he merely joined an array of sublime performers across a multitude of disciplines.

In rugby union, Wales, with an exciting blend of youth and experience, won the Six Nations Grand Slam for the third time in eight years.

In rugby league Wigan finished top of Super League, Warrington won the Challenge Cup final and Leeds took the Grand Final prize with a blistering display to eclipse Warrington.

Football saw the arrival of moneybags Manchester City as a major force, wrenching the Premier League title from neighbours Manchester United with a last-ditch winner from Sergio Aguero against QPR in as dramatic a finale as you are likely to witness.

GREAT MEMORY OF 2012: Chelsea lift the Champions League.

As if to prove money makes football's world spin like never before Chelsea won the FA Cup and then lifted the Champions League trophy for the first time, winning a penalty shoot-out 4-3 against Bayern Munich, with departing star Didier Drogba slotting the decisive spot kick.

It was the stuff of dreams and yet football, with its penchant for controversy and cheating, was the biggest loser in 2012.

England once more failed to achieve at a major tournament, going out on penalties – how else? – against Italy at Euro 2012 under new manager Roy Hodgson.

The English game, however, was dominated by the accusations of racist language against Chelsea's John Terry which saw him acquitted in a court of law but found guilty by the Football Association.

The punishment of a four-match ban and a £220,000 fine was debated as heatedly as the fact that he continued as Chelsea captain.

There was even talk of a breakaway union for black players.

In truth, however, football was simply overwhelmed by sports and characters determined to play hard but fair.

That was evident in golf where

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JUST SO RIGHT ...

SIMPLY THE BEST: Bradley Wiggins will almost certainly never surpass his 2012 achievements again.

Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy polished his aura as the 'new Tiger' by winning his second major, the USPGA, at the age of 23, by a record eight shots.

If that was stunning then the events at Medinah Country Club, Illinois, in September were extraordinary.

Trailing by 10-6 going into the final day singles Europe appeared to be playing for pride alone against the USA in the Ryder Cup.

McIlroy and the rest had other ideas and inspired by a day dedicated to the memory of the late Seve Ballesteros they produced a recovery in the swashbuckling tradition of their former captain.

Eight singles matches won, one halved, to deliver a 14.5-13.5 victory which deserves its place in the pantheon of great sporting comebacks.

Yet, despite such wondrous moments, for centuries to come 2012 will be remembered for what took place during six weeks in which the London Olympics and Paralympics captured the hearts and minds of a nation.

Who can forget the Saturday night it rained British gold in the Olympic stadium for heptathlete Jessica Ennis, the poster girl of the Games, plus long jumper Greg Rutherford and the incomparable Mo Farah in the 10,000m, all swept on by jet-engine roars from a crowd whose passion brought a lump to the throat?

DAVID WEIR

Who can forget Farah making it a golden double in the 5,000m and celebrating zanily trackside with Usain Bolt, the Jamaican sprinter who successfully defended his 100m, 200m and relay sprint titles?

The velodrome, meanwhile, rocked as Britain's Jason Kenny and Laura Trott won double gold and Victoria Pendleton won gold and silver before bidding farewell to the sport in a river of tears.

Sir Chris Hoy was there, too, embracing Sir Steven Redgrave after surpassing him as Britain's greatest Olympian, the cycle king's victories in the team sprint and the keirin taking his golden tally to six over four Games.

Truly that was the night of knights and while cycling was to be rocked when America's Lance Armstrong was stripped of his seven Tour de France titles later in the year after compelling evidence emerged of systematic drug cheating there was a growing conviction that the sport currently has never been cleaner.

At the Paralympics the four gold medals of wheelchair athlete David Weir and the irrepressible charm of blade runner Jonnie Peacock as he won the 100m epitomised a Games with the emphasis on ability, not disability.

So what will we remember most from 2012, apart from 29 Olympic and 34 Paralympic gold medals?

It has to be the pride and the sound of patriotic fervour, which prevailed on land and sea from Wembley to Weymouth in those six sumptuous weeks.

To paraphrase Wiggins, it was as good as sport gets.

SPORTING OBITUARIES 2012

GARY ABLETT: Defender Ablett played for Liverpool and Everton, winning league titles with the former and the FA Cup with both Merseyside clubs. He died aged 46 on January 1 after a battle against non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

CARMEN BASILIO: The American held the world welterweight title over four years before stepping up to wrest the middleweight crown from the great Sugar Ray Robinson. He was 85 when he died in November.

JOVAN BELCHER: Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Jovan Belcher sent shockwaves through the National Football League in December when the 25-year-old committed suicide outside his club's Arrowhead Stadium, turning a gun on himself minutes after shooting and killing his girlfriend at their home.

JOHN BOND: Bond led Norwich to the 1975 League Cup final and Manchester City to the 1981 FA Cup final, suffering defeat in both. Bournemouth, Burnley, Swansea and Birmingham were among the other clubs he managed. He died aged 79 in September.

MITCHELL COLE: Cole, a goalscorer for Stevenage in the first final at the new Wembley Stadium, died in December at the age of 27. The former West Ham academy member, who was married to the sister of Joe Cole, had been forced to retire as a professional player in 2011 due to a heart condition.

JOHN CONNELLY: England World Cup winner Connelly – whose clubs included Burnley, Manchester United, Blackburn and Bury – was a right-winger. His start in the opening game of his country's triumphant 1966 campaign proved to be the last of his 20 international caps, during which time he scored seven goals. He died in October, aged 74.

MERVYN DAVIES: Known throughout the rugby world as 'Merv the Swerve', Wales' 1976 Grand Slam captain Davies – who played at number eight – won 38 caps and toured with the British and Irish Lions. He was 65 when he died in March.

ANGELO DUNDEE: Legendary American boxing trainer Dundee will be largely remembered for guiding Muhammad Ali from his early days as a professional. Died at the age of 90 in February.

CAMPBELL GILLIES: Cheltenham Festival-winning rider Gillies was just beginning to make a name for himself and had enjoyed his best ever season with 38 winners when he died aged 21 in an accident on holiday in Kavos, Greece, in June.

TOM MAYNARD: One of the brightest prospects in English cricket, Surrey batsman Maynard was killed in June at the age of 23 when he was hit by a train in London.

JOE McBRIDE: Former Celtic, Hibernian and Motherwell striker McBride was best known for his goalscoring exploits with the Hoops, for whom he scored a staggering 86 goals in 94 games between 1965 and 1968. Died aged 74 in July.

KENNY MORGANS: Former Manchester United midfielder Morgans was a survivor of the Red Devils team involved in the infamous Munich air disaster in 1958. He died at the age of 73 in November.

PIERMARIO MOROSINI: The death of Livorno's 25-year-old on-loan Udinese midfielder Morosini, who collapsed in April during a Serie B match at Pescara and was declared dead shortly after, shocked Italian football.

IVOR POWELL: Former Wales midfielder Powell, who won a place in the Guinness Book of Records as the world's oldest football coach, died in November at the age of 96 – just over two years after retiring.

MIKI ROQUE: The Spanish defender, recruited to the Liverpool youth set-up before returning to his homeland with Real Betis, died in June aged 23 following a fight against cancer.

DAVE SEXTON: Sexton made his name during his time as boss at Chelsea, who won the 1970 FA Cup and 1971 Cup Winners' Cup under him, and he went on to oversee Manchester United and the England Under-21 side. Died in November at the age of 82.

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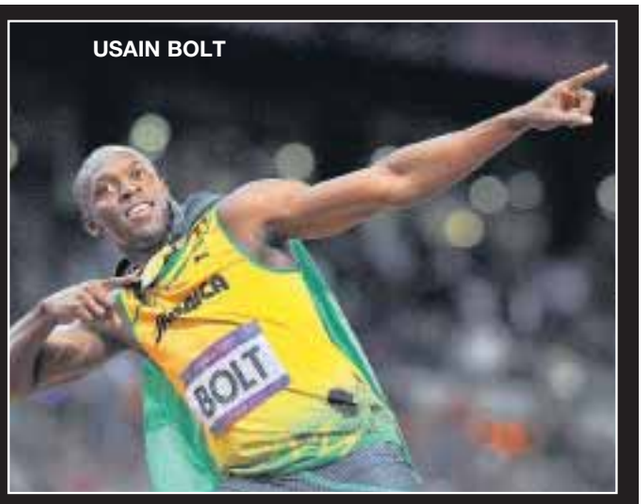

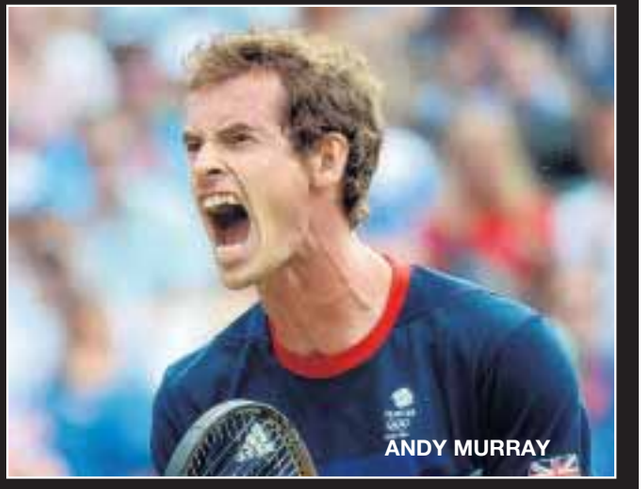

WHO SAID THAT? THE BEST SPORTS QUOTES OF 2012 ...

LONDON 2012

"When our time came, Britain - we did it right. Thank you!"
Lord Sebastian Coe, chairman of the London 2012 organising committee, reflects on a brilliant Olympic Games.

"These were happy and glorious Games."
International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge borrows deftly from the national anthem to capture the Games' atmosphere.

"If you were to say to me that we have just held the greatest Games ever in Britain, I would say you are on the right track."
London Mayor Boris Johnson.

"I'm not suggesting vigilantism but it was actually poetic justice that they happened to be sitting next to a judo player. I think the expression is 'ippon'."
Coe after Edith Bosch, Holland's judo bronze medallist, hit out physically and verbally at a spectator who tried to disrupt the Olympic 100m final by throwing a bottle onto the track.

HEROES AND WINNERS

"Right, we're just going to draw the raffle numbers."
Bradley Wiggins jokes after being handed the microphone on the podium after becoming the first Briton to win the Tour de France.

"To go out there and put a performance like that together nine days after the Tour and win another Olympic title in another event, it is never, ever going to get any better than that."
Wiggins realises the enormity of his achievements after adding Olympic time-trial gold to his Tour title.

"I am just amazed – two gold medals, who would have thought that?"
Mo Farah celebrates after completing a stunning double of Olympic 10,000 and 5,000m titles.

"I'm getting closer."
Andy Murray manages just three words before breaking down in tears after losing the Wimbledon final to Roger Federer. He returned to the same venue a month later to beat the Swiss in the Olympic final.

"When I realised I had won, I was a little bit shocked, I was very relieved and I was very emotional."
Murray, after ending Britain's 76-year wait for a men's singles grand slam winner at the US Open.

"I don't think I have let it sink in yet – I am speechless."
Rory McIlroy is almost lost for words after winning the USPGA title at Kiawah Island by eight strokes.

"I'm now a living legend. Bask in my glory."
Usain Bolt after becoming the first man to win the Olympic 100 and 200m sprint double twice in succession.

"I told myself at the start that I'm only going to have one moment to do this in front of a crowd in London and I just wanted to give them a good show."
Heptathlete Jessica Ennis, poster girl for London 2012, after claiming the Olympic gold that seemed her destiny.

"This is enough for me - this is the perfect end to my Olympic career."
Sir Chris Hoy, below, bows out of Olympic competition after winning his British record sixth gold.

"They've made a big mistake. They've made me angry and you don't want to make me angry."
Ben Ainslie warns his Finn class rivals before going out to complete victory and claim a fourth Olympic gold.

"I'm going out with the old man and the family to Nando's."
Nicola Adams plans her modest celebrations after winning Olympic boxing gold.

"The pressure was stacked up and so many things put to bed today."
Alistair Brownlee lives up to his billing to win triathlon gold.

"I thought I was going to jump farther than that, but I don't care, I'm Olympic champion."
Greg Rutherford feels he should have bettered the 8.31m that won him Olympic long jump gold.

"It's been a long time coming."
Nick Skelton, at the age of 54, finally wins an Olympic gold at his sixth Games by helping Britain to team showjumping success.

"I don't want to say he's unbeatable – but you can't beat him."
Former Canada Paralympian Jeff Adams hails Great Britain's David Weir, winner of four Paralympic gold medals at London 2012, as the best wheelchair racer of all time.

"When I came out and there was a massive roar it gave me a massive buzz."
Ellie Simmonds pays tribute to the crowd after retaining her Paralympic 400m title in a time five seconds inside the old world record.

"We just witnessed one of the great performances from Jonnie."
Oscar Pistorious, beaten into fourth place, praises the performance of Britain's Jonnie Peacock in winning gold in the Paralympic T44 100m.

"I don't know if it will ever sink in."
Cyclist Sarah Storey struggles to take in the enormity of her

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fourth gold of the London Paralympics and the 11th of her career.

"It was an amazing moment after all the things I've been through. All the hard work and all the things I've done... along with my dad. I wish he was there to see it but I know he'd be proud of what I've done."
Tom Daley celebrates his bronze medal in the Olympic 10m platform diving.

"It's fantastic for the club and the supporters after 44 years. It's been a crazy season and a crazy last minute."
Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini after his side's injury-time victory over QPR sealed the Barclays Premier League title.

"I never stopped believing. We've dreamed of this all our lives."
City captain Vincent Kompany reflects on an incredible title victory.

"It was written, I think, a long time ago."
Didier Drogba, scorer of the winning penalty, believes Chelsea's Champions League final win over Bayern Munich represented the fulfilment of their destiny.

"I've said before he's not the fastest, strongest - or even the best-looking - but he knows how to play footy."
Warrington coach Tony Smith hails Brett Hodgson after the veteran Australian recovered from being knocked out to play a starring role in the Challenge Cup final win over Leeds.

"It's probably the best moment of my life, I'll look back at it when I'm older and think, 'We've just beaten Barcelona in the Champions League' - there's nothing better."
Teenage striker Tony Watt after scoring the goal which secured a famous 2-1 win for Celtic over Barcelona.

"If you asked me to name the Premier League footballer who has given me the most pleasure, or who I would pay good money to watch, this century, Gerrard would be my choice."
World Cup hero Sir Geoff Hurst pays tribute to England captain Steven Gerrard, below right, ahead of winning his 100th cap.

"It was a nice goal."
Zlatan Ibrahimovic delivers an understated description of his 25-yard bicycle kick in Sweden's 4-2 friendly win over England.

HEROES AND WINNERS - RYDER CUP

"All men die but not all men live and you made me feel alive again this week."
Captain Jose Maria Olazabal thanks his team, referencing his late great friend Seve Ballesteros, after Europe's Ryder Cup win at Medinah.

"We have actually revised the qualification for next time. It's nine (qualifying) spots, two picks and Poults."
Lee Westwood reflects on Europe team-mate Ian Poulter's awe-inspiring performance.

DIDIER DROGBA

KEVIN PIETERSEN

ZLATAN IMBRAHIMOVIC

TONY WATT (RIGHT)

MARTIN KAYMER

DAVID HAYE & DERECK CHISORA

WHO SAID THAT? THE BEST

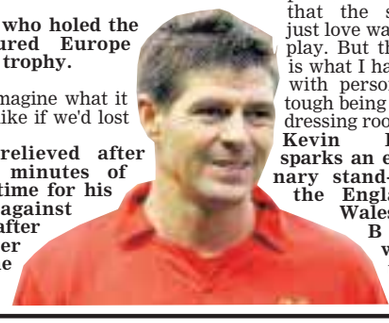
"I'm officially taking two years off and I'll see you at the next one."
Poulter reflects on his role at Medinah, having kickstarted the fightback which saw Europe overcome a four-point deficit on the final day.

"That is something that I will remember probably for the rest of my life and hopefully I can talk about when I have some grandchildren one day."
Martin Kaymer, who holed the putt that ensured Europe would retain the trophy.

"I don't want to imagine what it would have been like if we'd lost by a point."
Rory McIlroy relieved after coming within minutes of missing the tee time for his singles match against Keegan Bradley after a mix-up over American time zones.

"There are no tools you can use out there. You've just got to go with what you have in your pants."
Ryder Cup rookie Nicolas Colsaerts after almost single-handedly beating Tiger Woods and Steve Stricker on the first day.

VILLAINS



"For me, the saddest part about all this is that the spectators just love watching me play. But the politics is what I have to deal with personally. It's tough being me in this dressing room."
Kevin Pietersen sparks an extraordinary stand-off with the England and Wales Cricket Board which led to him being frozen out of the national side for two months.

"I am physically going to shoot David Haye."
Dereck Chisora threatens Haye further after the pair brawl at a press conference, an incident which prompted a police investigation, widespread condemnation and – not surprisingly to any cynic – promoters to fix up a big-money fight between the pair.

"I've seen the replay and it does look bad. I'm not that type of player to intentionally hurt anyone. I'm disappointed but delighted for the lads."
Chelsea captain John Terry admits his mistake after getting sent off in the Champions League semi-final against Barcelona. His team-mates got him out of trouble.

"He showed real remorse. I looked him in the eye and I accept that. He is free to play for England."
Football Association chairman David Bernstein accepts an apology from Ashley Cole after the England defender tweeted derogatory remarks about the organisation.

"Once I'd been sent off, one of our players suggested I should try to take 1 of theirs with me. Never worked but God loves a trier."
QPR's Joey Barton tries to explain the actions - a sending-off followed by further clashes with two Manchester City players - which landed him a 12-match ban from the FA.

"He's incredibly disappointed and surprised as to why the BOA has chosen to do this."
Jonathan Marks, agent for Phillips Idowu, voices his client's displeasure at a British Olympic Association request to view his medical records after missing a Team GB training camp.

"I wish to apologise sincerely and

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KENNY DALGLISH

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SPORTS QUOTES OF 2012

unreservedly to everybody I have let down and to whom my actions over the last few months have caused offence."
Carlos Tevez draws a line under his long stand-off with Manchester City by returning from unauthorised leave in Argentina.

FAREWELLS

"I think I have run my race."
Andrew Strauss, one of England's most successful Test captains after winning Ashes series home and away, announces his retirement.

"I'm never going to wear a skinsuit again. I'm looking forward to having a bit more of a life."
A tearful Victoria Pendleton looks forward to retirement after being forced to settle for sprint silver in her final Olympic event.

"I thought it was right that Terry should keep the captain's armband."
England manager Fabio Capello puts himself on collision course with the FA by disagreeing with a decision to strip John Terry of the captaincy. His resignation soon followed.

"It isn't as bad as people might make out. I am very positive about where we are going."
Scotland manager Craig Levein after a 1-1 draw with Macedonia in World Cup qualifying. He was sacked a month later.

"The game doesn't revolve around just Ronnie O'Sullivan, but we'll miss him because he's an exciting talent."
World Snooker chairman Barry Hearn reacts to news the world champion is to take a break from the sport.

"I've had an incredibly special time playing for the LA Galaxy, however, I wanted to experience one last challenge before the end of my playing career."
Former England captain David Beckham looks for a new challenge.

"He's the best I've ever had. He's the best I've ever seen. I'd be surprised if there's ever been any better."
Trainer Sir Henry Cecil gives his verdict on Frankel, who was retired after winning a 14th successive race.

"Deep down, we know he has done enough - and in some ways I think we have to protect him from himself. And maybe ourselves, too."
Trainer Paul Nicholls announces the retirement of Kauto Star, winner of the Cheltenham God Cup twice and the King George VI Chase a record five times.

"I still feel I am capable of competing against the best but the time sometimes comes to say goodbye and this time it might be forever."
Seven-time world champion Michael Schumacher confirms he will quit Formula One for a second time.

"I could have continued but that is not what Barca would have deserved."
Pep Guardiola announces his decision to stand down as Barcelona coach.

"It's sad that I won't play here again. I love playing here, but no, it's a relief as much as anything."
Seven-time world snooker champion Stephen Hendry has no regrets after announcing his retirement at the Crucible.

"Of course I am disappointed with results in the league but I would not have swapped the Carling Cup win for anything as I know how much it meant to our fans."
Kenny Dalglish opts not to focus on the team's eighth-placed Premier League finish after being axed as Liverpool boss.

ARRIVALS

"I'm hoping everyone in England gets behind their football team, because we want to give this country the successful football team we've been waiting for since 1966."
Roy Hodgson dreams of success after being appointed England manager.

"No I don't think it will happen now - I wouldn't think it would ever happen now. I wish Roy all the best. He has got four years and I hope he sees the four years out."
A gracious Harry Redknapp after losing out on the England manager's job to Roy Hodgson.

"The results made it almost impossible not to give him the job."
Former England centre Jeremy Guscott welcomes the appointment of Stuart Lancaster as permanent head coach after a successful spell as interim boss.

"In these situations, when you have to make a hard decision in your life, I always listen to that little boy inside me. That boy was screaming for Manchester United."
Robin van Persie reveals the decision to leave Arsenal and join United was child's play.

"We have an owner, a technical director Michael Emenalo and a good staff. It's easy. I don't have two owners who don't talk to each other."
Compared to life under dysfunctional owners George Gillett and Tom Hicks at Liverpool, Rafael Benitez believes working for Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich should be straightforward.

"I would refute he is a novice totally."
Chief executive Jez Moxey, who previously said the Wolves manager's position was "no job for a novice", explains the appointment of the inexperienced Terry Connor.

RETURNS

"I want people to be proud of me again. I had my problems but I'm over that now and I want people to look at me in a different light. I don't want people to see how I flushed my life away."
Ricky Hatton explains his reasons for attempting a comeback.

"He came to see me and said he was missing it too much. There were no negatives as far as I'm concerned."
Sir Alex Ferguson welcomes 37-year-old Paul Scholes' decision to come out of retirement.

"I thought it might have been better for him to go and reinvent himself elsewhere before he had another crack at English football."
Former Tottenham manager Glenn Hoddle voices his surprise at the club's appointment of former Chelsea boss Andre Villas-Boas.

"I never thought I was going to play for Arsenal again or score a winner. I don't know what to say."
Thierry Henry reflects on a 'debut' goal after rejoining Arsenal on a short-term loan.

"I loved playing cricket but we used to break for sandwiches. In boxing, you go into your corner and you have a minute between rounds."
Former England all-rounder Andrew Flintoff reflects on his dramatic switch of sports.

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Macclesfld ..... 4 **Barrow** 1
Kissock 7 — Boyes 17
Holroyd 16,69
Barnes-Homer 67

Barclays Premier League

Arsenal ..... L **Newcastle** L
HT L-L
A. Villa ..... 0 **Wigan** 3
Ramis 3, Boyce 52, Kone 56
HT 0-1 — Att 33,374
Fulham ..... 1 **Swansea** 2
Ruiz 56 — Graham 19, de Guzman 52
HT 0-1 — Att 25,700
Man Utd ..... 2 **W.B.A.** 0
McAuley 9 og, van Persie 90
HT 1-0 — Att 75,595
Norwich ..... 3 **Man City** 4
Pilkington 15, Martin 63,75 — Dzeko 2,4, Aguero 50, Bunn 67 og
HT 1-2 — Att 26,827
Reading ..... 1 **West Ham** 0
Pogrebnyak 5
HT 1-0 — Att 24,183
Stoke ..... 3 **SAINTS** 3
Jones 16, Upson 67, Jerome 90 — Lambert 10, Rodriguez 24, Wilkinson 36 og
HT 1-3 — Att 26,391
Sunderlnd ..... 1 **Spurs** 2
O Shea 40 — Cuellar 48 og, Lennon 51
HT 1-0 — Att 41,168

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Man Utd	20	9	0	1	28	13	7	1	2	22	15	49
Man City	20	7	2	1	22	9	5	4	1	16	10	42
Spurs	20	5	3	2	14	10	6	0	4	22	16	36
Chelsea	18	5	3	1	22	7	5	2	2	15	10	35
Everton	19	5	4	0	16	10	3	5	2	16	13	33
W.B.A.	20	7	1	2	16	7	3	2	5	12	18	33
Arsenal	18	4	2	2	18	10	4	4	2	14	8	30
Stoke	20	5	5	0	14	7	1	6	3	7	10	29
Swansea	20	3	5	2	17	15	4	2	4	12	9	28
Liverpool	19	4	3	3	14	10	2	4	3	14	16	25
Norwich	20	5	2	3	13	13	1	5	4	10	19	25
West Ham	19	4	3	3	17	12	2	2	5	5	11	23
Sunderlnd	20	3	3	4	11	12	2	4	4	10	14	22
Fulham	20	4	2	4	17	14	1	4	5	13	22	21
Newcastle	19	5	1	4	12	12	0	4	5	11	18	20
Wigan	20	2	3	5	13	18	3	0	7	9	17	18
A. Villa	20	2	4	4	8	15	2	2	6	7	24	18
SAINTS	**19**	**3**	**3**	**4**	**14**	**13**	**1**	**2**	**6**	**12**	**24**	**17**
Reading	20	2	5	3	15	19	0	2	8	7	18	13
Q.P.R.	19	1	4	4	8	16	0	3	7	8	17	10

npower Championship

Barnsley ..... 1 **Blackburn** 3
Dawson 76 — King 29, Rochina 44, Rhodes 90
HT 0-2 — Att 9,153
Bolton ..... 3 **Birminghm** 1
Alonso 27, Lee 33, Andrews 79 pen — Zigic 11
HT 2-1 — Att 17,068
Brighton ..... L **Watford** L
HT L-L
Bristol C ..... 4 **Peterboro** 2
Anderson 5, Baldock 37,64 pen, McManus 59 — McCann 19 pen, Gayle 89
HT 2-1 — Att 12,991
Burnley ..... 0 **Leicester** 1
Nugent 31
HT 0-1 — Att 13,050
Cardiff ..... 1 **Millwall** 0
Gestede 8
HT 1-0 — Att 24,263
Charlton ..... 1 **Derby Cty** 1
Haynes 19 — Ward 72 pen
HT 1-0 — Att 17,761
Huddersfld ..... 0 **Sheff Wed** 0
HT 0-0 — Att 17,694
Hull ..... 2 **Leeds Utd** 0
Evans 52, Meyler 55
HT 0-0 — Att 23,453
Middlesbro ..... 4 **Blackpool** 2
Miller 14, Smallwood 36, McDonald 62, Reach 88 — Thomas 59, Basham 76
HT 2-0 — Att 18,164
Nottm For ..... 2 **Crystal P** 2
Reid 45, Sharp 90 — Murray 9,81
HT 1-1 — Att 23,703
Wolves ..... 0 **Ipswich** 2
Cresswell 33, Campbell 64
HT 0-1 — Att 28,595

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Cardiff	25	12	0	1	25	8	5	2	5	22	21	53
Hull	25	8	2	3	20	11	7	1	4	17	16	48
Middlesbro	25	10	1	2	28	14	5	1	6	17	19	47
Crystal P	25	7	4	1	30	15	5	4	4	17	18	44
Leicester	25	8	2	2	26	10	4	3	6	12	12	41
Watford	23	6	2	4	17	11	5	2	4	24	20	37
Nottm For	25	6	4	3	19	15	3	6	3	17	17	37
Millwall	25	6	2	4	18	14	4	5	4	19	20	37
Leeds Utd	25	7	2	3	18	17	3	3	7	19	25	35
Brighton	23	4	6	2	17	9	4	4	3	14	14	34
Derby Cty	25	6	4	2	26	15	3	3	7	11	22	34
Blackpool	25	4	5	3	24	17	4	4	5	19	21	33
Burnley	25	6	4	3	21	14	3	2	7	17	26	33
Bolton	25	6	4	3	20	14	2	4	6	19	25	32
Blackburn	24	5	1	5	11	14	3	7	3	21	19	32
Huddersfld	25	4	5	4	17	18	4	3	5	13	19	32
Wolves	25	4	4	5	16	19	5	0	7	15	16	31
Charlton	25	3	5	5	17	20	4	4	4	13	13	30
Ipswich	25	3	4	5	16	18	5	2	6	11	27	30
Birminghm	25	4	4	4	16	19	3	4	6	17	22	29
Sheff Wed	25	4	1	7	16	23	3	3	7	12	17	25
Bristol C	24	3	2	7	24	29	3	2	7	13	19	22
Peterboro	25	3	0	9	19	27	4	1	8	16	21	22
Barnsley	25	2	4	7	10	19	3	2	7	15	22	21

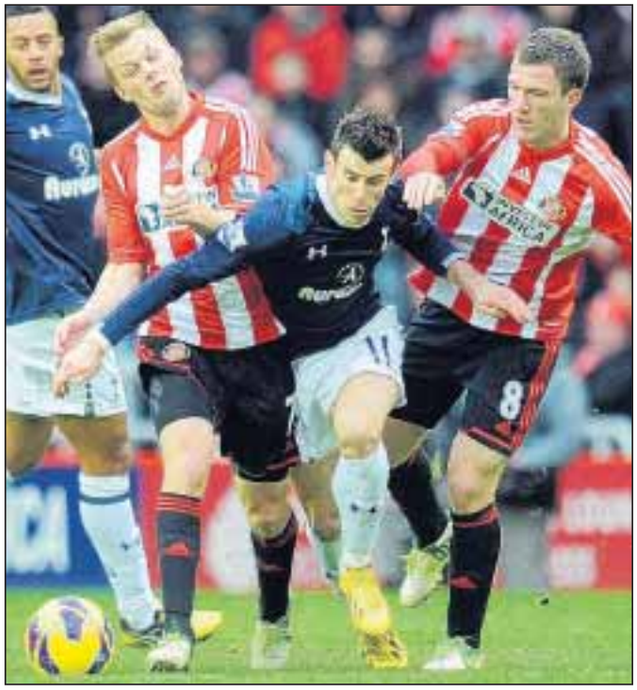
npower League One

CHERRIES ..... 3 **Crawley** 0
Alexander 16 og, Pitman 40, O Kane 84
HT 2-0 — Att 7,855
Carlisle ..... 2 **Bury** 1
Miller 2 pen, Robson 10 — Schumacher 53
HT 2-0 — Att 4,435
Colchester ..... P **Swindon** ..... P
Postponed - due to waterlogged pitch.
Leyton O ..... 2 **Walsall** 1
Mooney 43, Odubajo 87 — Mantom 79
HT 1-0
M K Dons ..... 2 **Coventry** 3
Powell 15, Lowe 38 — Moussa 27, Elliott 49,51
HT 2-1 — Att 13,620
Oldham ..... 1 **Crewe** 2
Taylor 82 — Pogba 61, Ellis 84
HT 0-0 — Att 3,451
POMPEY ..... 1 **Yeovil** 2
Benson 54 — Blizzard 15, Webster 38
HT 0-2 — Att 12,370
Preston ..... 0 **Doncaster** 3
Syers 1, Cotterill 30, Paynter 76 pen
HT 0-2 — Att 9,626
Sheff Utd ..... 2 **Hartlepool** 3
Doyle 30, Maguire 90 — Howard 7,72, Humphreys 54
HT 1-1 — Att 19,941
Shrewsbry ..... 0 **Brentford** 0
HT 0-0 — Att 5,715
Stevenage ..... P **Notts Cnty** ..... P
Postponed - due to waterlogged pitch.
Tranmere ..... 1 **Scunthorpe** 0
Stockton 59
HT 0-0 — Att 6,044

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Tranmere	25	7	4	2	23	11	6	4	2	18	13	47
Sheff Utd	25	6	6	1	23	13	6	4	2	13	8	46
Doncaster	24	5	1	5	13	14	9	3	1	23	8	46
Brentford	24	8	2	1	21	11	4	7	2	15	12	45
CHERRIES	**24**	**7**	**5**	**1**	**25**	**11**	**4**	**3**	**4**	**18**	**22**	**41**
Swindon	23	5	4	3	21	8	6	2	3	16	10	39
M K Dons	24	8	2	3	21	12	3	4	4	14	12	39
Crawley	25	5	3	4	19	19	6	2	5	14	18	38
Coventry	25	3	5	4	19	16	7	2	4	25	17	37
Stevenage	23	3	5	4	16	22	7	2	2	15	10	37
Notts Cnty	23	4	2	5	15	14	5	7	0	20	10	36
Yeovil	25	5	2	5	16	15	6	1	6	22	23	36
Crewe	24	6	2	3	13	10	4	4	5	18	21	36
Leyton O	23	6	0	6	13	13	5	1	5	14	14	34
Preston	25	3	6	4	16	14	4	4	4	17	17	31
Walsall	25	3	4	5	15	21	4	4	5	16	20	29
Carlisle	24	4	2	7	19	29	4	3	4	14	15	29
Oldham	25	3	3	7	13	16	4	2	6	12	18	26
Shrewsbry	25	5	5	3	17	14	0	5	7	12	20	25
Colchester	24	4	3	5	15	17	2	2	8	9	21	23
POMPEY	**24**	**3**	**2**	**8**	**14**	**17**	**2**	**4**	**5**	**15**	**20**	**21**
Bury	25	2	5	5	12	18	2	4	7	14	22	21
Scunthorpe	24	1	3	7	11	23	4	2	7	13	21	20
Hartlepool	24	1	3	7	8	19	1	3	9	10	26	12

npower League Two

AFC Wimbledon 0 **Oxford Utd** 3
Rigg 32, Potter 37, Craddock 64
HT 0-2 — Att 4,401
Aldershot ..... P **Torquay** ..... P
Postponed - due to waterlogged pitch.
Bradford ..... 2 **Rochdale** 4
Connell 19 pen,36 pen — Gornell 6,40, Tutte 27, Grimes 33
HT 2-4 — Att 11,198
Burton Albion ..... 2 **Southend** 0
Zola 16, Bell 36
HT 2-0 — Att 2,636



SANDWICHED: Sunderland's Sebastian Larsson, left, and Craig Gardner tackle Tottenham Hotspur's Gareth Bale, centre.

Cheltnham ..... P **Bristol R** ..... P
Postponed - due to waterlogged pitch.
Chesterfld ..... 1 **Morecambe** 1
Townsend 40 — McCready 29
HT 1-1 — Att 6,358
Dagenham ..... 2 **Port Vale** 3
Williams 18 pen, Doe 84 — Pope 4, Myrie-Williams 9, Dodds 39
HT 1-3 — Att 1,697
Exeter ..... 2 **Barnet** 2
Coles 34, Bennett 45 — Nurse 76, Iro 90
HT 2-0 — Att 4,085
Fleetwood Town 0 **York** 0
HT 0-0 — Att 2,465
Gillingham ..... P **Northmptn** ..... P
Postponed - due to waterlogged pitch.
Plymouth ..... 0 **Wycombe** 1
McClure 11
HT 0-1 — Att 6,983
Rotherham ..... 4 **Acc Stanley** 1
Eckersley 15 og, Nardiello 63,74, O Connor 77 — Lindfield 40
HT 1-1 — Att 7,304

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Port Vale	24	5	4	2	26	13	8	3	2	24	14	46
Gillingham	23	6	3	3	24	12	7	3	1	17	9	45
Cheltnham	24	8	2	2	21	11	4	4	4	15	21	42
Southend	25	5	4	3	17	11	6	3	4	24	14	40
Rotherham	24	8	0	5	28	18	4	4	3	12	16	40
Bradford	24	8	2	3	22	11	3	4	4	15	18	39
Burton Albion	25	8	3	2	28	14	3	3	6	9	20	39
Fleetwood T	24	5	5	3	16	13	4	5	2	15	9	37
Chesterfld	25	5	5	3	23	16	4	4	4	10	12	36
Rochdale	25	4	4	4	17	13	6	2	5	27	29	36
Exeter	24	3	4	6	16	20	7	1	3	20	17	35
Northmptn	23	7	2	3	23	11	2	4	5	14	20	33
Torquay	23	6	4	1	21	16	2	5	5	9	11	33
Oxford Utd	24	5	3	3	19	14	4	2	7	18	24	32
Dagenham	24	5	4	4	19	14	3	3	5	17	21	31
York	24	3	4	4	14	17	4	6	3	16	17	31
Wycombe	24	3	4	4	13	12	5	1	7	15	24	29
Morecambe	24	4	4	3	16	15	3	3	7	14	18	28
Acc Stanley	25	3	3	6	12	18	4	3	6	17	23	27
Plymouth	25	3	4	6	16	19	2	5	5	12	15	24
Barnet	25	3	5	4	17	19	2	3	8	8	21	23
Aldershot	24	2	3	7	9	18	3	4	5	13	20	22
Bristol R	23	3	3	5	16	20	1	4	7	10	26	19
Wimbledon	23	2	2	8	10	20	3	2	6	14	24	19

Clydesdale Bank Premier

Dundee ..... 1 **Aberdeen** 3
Stewart 82 — McGinn 46,69,89
HT 0-0 — Att 9,013

Hibernian ..... 1 **Celtic** 0
Griffiths 9
HT 1-0 — Att 16,805
Motherwell ..... 2 **Kilmarnock** 2
Murphy 71, Ojamaa 74 — Perez 13, Heffernan 62
HT 0-1 — Att 4,903
Ross Cnty ..... P **Hearts** ..... P
Postponed - due to waterlogged pitch.
St Johnstn ..... 0 **Inverness CT** 0
HT 0-0 — Att 2,975

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtic	20	5	2	2	13	6	7	2	2	26	9	40
Inverness CT	21	4	5	2	23	17	4	5	1	21	18	34
Motherwell	21	3	5	3	16	16	6	2	2	21	13	34
Hibernian	21	6	2	3	17	11	3	2	5	14	18	31
Aberdeen	21	3	4	3	11	11	5	2	4	17	15	30
Kilmarnock	20	4	2	5	16	15	3	4	2	15	11	27
St Johnstn	21	3	4	3	11	12	3	5	3	12	14	27
Dundee Utd	19	2	6	2	18	16	4	1	4	10	12	25
Hearts	20	5	2	3	13	13	1	5	4	7	9	25
St Mirren	20	4	2	4	17	21	1	4	5	8	13	21
Ross Cnty	20	2	5	2	9	9	2	4	5	12	21	21
Dundee	20	2	0	8	8	21	1	3	6	5	19	12

Scottish Division One

Airdrie Utd ..... 1 **Partick** 1
Falkirk ..... 3 **Dumbarton** 4
Livingston ..... P **Hamilton** ..... P
Morton ..... 4 **Dunfrmline** 2
Raith ..... 2 **Cowdenbth** 2

Scottish Division Two

Arbroath ..... 2 **Albion R** 1
Ayr Utd ..... 0 **Alloa** 0
Forfar ..... 3 **East Fife** 2
Stenhsmuir ..... 1 **Queen Sth** 3
Stranraer ..... 0 **Brechin** 2

Scottish Division Three

Annan Athletic .. 2 **Elgin** 0
Clyde ..... 2 **Berwick** 1
Montrose ..... 3 **Stirling A** 2
Peterhead ..... 2 **E Stirling** 0
Queen Park ..... 0 **Rangers** 1

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BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE
South: AFC Hornchurch 1 Billericay 0, Bath City v Dorchester pp, Chelmsford 2 Boreham Wood 1, Eastleigh v Havant & Waterlooville pp, Farnborough v Salisbury pp, Hayes & Yeading v Basingstoke pp, Staines 0 Maidenhead 6, Sutton v Welling pp, Tonbridge Angels 0 Bromley 3, Truro v Weston-super-Mare pp.

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Premier Division: Banbury v Kettering pp, Bedworth v Arlesey pp, Cambridge City v Chippenham pp, Chesham 2 Barwell 2, Frome v St Albans pp, Hemel Hempstead v Bashley pp, Hitchin v Leamington pp, Redditch v Gosport Borough pp, Stourbridge v AFC Totton pp, Weymouth 3 St Neots 1.

Division One South & West: Bridgwater v Wimborne pp, Cinderford v Clevedon pp, Didcot 1 Sholing 0, Mangotsfield v Bishops Cleeve pp, North Leigh v Cirencester pp, Poole Town v Taunton pp, Shortwood v Merthyr Town pp, Swindon Supermarine v Abingdon Utd pp, Tiverton v Paulton Rovers pp, Winchester City v Hungerford pp.

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Premier Division: Fareham v Totton & Eling pp, GE Hamble v Christchurch pp, Hamworthy Utd 2 AFC Portchester 2, Hayling Utd v Newport IoW pp, Horndean v Bemerton HH pp, Lymington Town v Bournemouth Poppies pp, Moneyfields 2 New Milton 2, Romsey 4 Fawley 3, Verwood v Alton pp.

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